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1 **The age and origin of cratonic lithospheric mantle: Archean**  
2 **dunites vs. Paleoproterozoic harzburgites from the Udachnaya**  
3 **kimberlite, Siberian craton**

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21 ABSTRACT (485 words)

22 Cratonic lithospheric mantle is believed to have been formed in the Archean, but kimberlite-  
23 hosted coarse peridotites from Udachnaya in the central Siberian craton typically yield  
24 Paleoproterozoic Re-depletion Os isotope ages ( $T_{RD}$ ). By comparison, olivine megacrysts  
25 from Udachnaya, sometimes called “megacrystalline peridotites”, often yield Archean  $T_{RD}$   
26 ages, but the nature of these rare materials remains enigmatic. We provide whole-rock (WR)  
27 Re-Os isotope and PGE analyses for 24 olivine-rich xenoliths from Udachnaya as well as  
28 modal and petrographic data, WR and mineral major and trace element compositions. The  
29 samples were selected based on (a) high olivine abundances in hand specimens and (b)  
30 sufficient freshness and size to yield representative WR powders. They comprise medium- to  
31 coarse-grained (olivine <1 cm) dunites, a megacrystalline (olivine >1 cm) dunite, olivine  
32 megacrysts and low-orthopyroxene (11–21% opx) harzburgites equilibrated at 783–1154°C  
33 and 3.9–6.5 GPa; coarse dunites have not been previously reported from Udachnaya; two  
34 xenoliths contain ilmenite. The harzburgites and dunites have similar WR variation ranges of  
35 Ca, Al, Fe, Cr and Mg# (0.917–0.934) typical of refractory cratonic peridotites, but the  
36 dunites tend to have higher MgO, NiO and Mg/Si. Mineral abundances and those of Ca and  
37 Al are not correlated with  $Mg\#_{WR}$ ; they are not due to differences in melting degrees but are  
38 linked to metasomatism. Several samples with high  $^{187}Re/^{188}Os$  show a positive linear  
39 correlation with  $^{187}Os/^{188}Os$  with an apparent age of 0.37 Ga, same as eruption age of host  
40 kimberlite. Robust  $T_{RD}$  ages were obtained for 16 xenoliths with low  $^{187}Re/^{188}Os$  (0.02–0.13).  
41  $T_{RD}$  ages for low-opx harzburgites (1.9–2.1 Ga; average  $2.0 \pm 0.1$  Ga) are manifestly lower  
42 than for dunites and megacrysts (2.4–3.1 Ga); the latter define two subsets with average  $T_{RD}$   
43 of  $2.6 \pm 0.1$  Ga and  $3.0 \pm 0.1$  Ga, and  $T_{MA}$  of  $3.0 \pm 0.2$  Ga and  $3.3 \pm 0.1$  Ga, respectively.  
44 Differences in olivine grain size (coarse vs. megacrystalline) are not related to age. The age  
45 relations suggest that the dunites and megacrysts could not be produced by re-melting of

46 harzburgites, e.g. in arc settings, nor be melt channel materials in harzburgites. Instead, they  
47 are relict fragments of lithospheric mantle formed in the Archean (likely in two events at or  
48 after 2.6 Ga and 3.0 Ga) that were incorporated into cratonic lithosphere during the final  
49 assembly of the Siberian craton in the Paleoproterozoic. A multi-stage formation of the  
50 Siberian lithospheric mantle is consistent with crustal basement ages from U-Pb dating of  
51 zircons from crustal xenoliths at Udachnaya and detrital zircons from the northern Siberian  
52 craton (1.8–2.0, 2.4–2.8 and 3.0–3.4 Ga). The new data from the Siberian and other cratons  
53 suggest that the formation of strongly melt-depleted cratonic lithosphere (e.g.  $Mg\# \geq 0.92$ ) did  
54 not stop at the Archean-Proterozoic boundary as is commonly thought, but continued in the  
55 Paleoproterozoic. The same may be valid for the transition from the ‘Archean’ (4–2.5 Ga) to  
56 modern tectonic regimes.

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58 **KEYWORDS:** lithospheric mantle; Siberian craton; dunite; harzburgite; Re-Os isotopes;  
59 highly siderophile elements

## 60 **1. Introduction**

### 61 1.1. *Formation stages of the Siberian craton*

62 Cratons are the oldest parts of continents. Essential components of their crustal basement  
63 are Archean (>2.5 Ga) magmatic and metamorphic rocks with widespread ~2.7 Ga and older  
64 ages (e.g. [Condie, 2014](#)). The only robust dating methodology for refractory peridotites, the  
65 main components of cratonic mantle, is based on the Re-Os isotope system because Os is  
66 highly compatible during mantle melting. These rocks do not normally show isochrone  
67 relations (e.g. [Rudnick and Walker, 2009](#)), but their formation can be traced back using model  
68 “Re-depletion” ages ( $T_{RD}$ ) assuming that all Re was extracted from pristine mantle in a single,  
69 high-degree ( $\geq 30\%$ ) melting event ([Walker et al., 1989](#)). The  $T_{RD}$  method was defined for  
70 whole-rock (WR) peridotite xenoliths, and initially applied to analytical samples from the  
71 Kaapvaal and Siberian cratons prepared from large amounts (hundreds of grams) of material  
72 required to bridge modal heterogeneities in coarse-grained rocks and thus provide  
73 representative compositional data ([Boyd et al., 1997](#); [Pearson et al., 1995b](#); [Walker et al.,](#)  
74 [1989](#)). The  $T_{RD}$  values for individual samples have high uncertainties, and it is common to  
75 constrain lithospheric formation ages based on either peaks on  $T_{RD}$  frequency distribution  
76 plots or the oldest ages whereas dispersed younger  $T_{RD}$  values are more likely to be due to  
77 more recent melt metasomatism (e.g. [Carlson et al., 1999](#); [Irvine et al., 2003](#)).

78 Rhenium-osmium isotope data on coarse (low-T) WR peridotites show that the lithospheric  
79 mantle beneath several well-studied cratons in North America and South Africa formed in the  
80 Archean, with  $T_{RD}$  distribution peaks at 2.6 to 2.8 Ga (e.g. [Carlson et al., 2005](#); [Wittig et al.,](#)  
81 [2010b](#)). The similar crust and mantle formation ages (crust-mantle coupling, (e.g. [Pearson et](#)  
82 [al., 1995a](#))) are two related facets of lithosphere development, i.e. melt extraction from fertile  
83 mantle yields both refractory residues that form lithospheric mantle and mafic melts that form  
84 cratonic proto-crust ([Herzberg and Rudnick, 2012](#); [Moyen et al., 2017](#)).

85 The formation (melt extraction) age for the lithospheric mantle of the Siberian craton,  
86 however, continues to be debated. Peridotite xenoliths suitable for Re-Os dating are available  
87 almost exclusively from two kimberlite pipes: Udachnaya in the center of the craton and  
88 Obnazhennaya near its northeastern (NE) margin ([KML file](#)). Published  $T_{RD}$  estimates for  
89 WR refractory peridotites from both pipes are puzzling because they show bimodal  
90 distribution with peaks at ~2.0 Ga and 2.8 Ga ([Ionov et al., 2015a](#)). The pioneering work of  
91 [Pearson et al. \(1995b\)](#) provided  $T_{RD}$  values for 16 olivine-rich xenoliths from Udachnaya  
92 including four Archean (2.6–3.2 Ga) and eight Paleoproterozoic (1.7–2.2 Ga) ages, as well as  
93 four younger (0.9–1.4 Ga) values attributed to metasomatism. [Pearson et al. \(1995b\)](#) argued  
94 for an Archean ( $\geq 3.2$  Ga) formation age for the Siberian craton mantle and downplayed the  
95 Paleoproterozoic  $T_{RD}$  values, in spite of their greater numbers. For instance, they speculated  
96 that the Archean materials may be located deeper in the lithosphere than the Paleoproterozoic  
97 peridotites.

98 Later work, by contrast, found mainly Paleoproterozoic ages for a range of mantle samples  
99 from Udachnaya. [Ionov et al. \(2015b\)](#) reported Re-Os isotope data for 29 WR peridotites and  
100 obtained ~2 Ga  $T_{RD}$  values for the majority of coarse refractory rocks (Mg# 0.92–0.93), which  
101 they viewed as pristine melting residues, as well as generally lower (0.9–2.0 Ga) estimates for  
102 deformed, low-Mg# (0.907–0.919) garnet peridotites they ascribed to the effects of melt  
103 metasomatism on 2 Ga old residues. [Doucet et al. \(2015\)](#) obtained ~1.8 Ga model Hf-Nd  
104 isotope ages for spinel harzburgites from the same suite while [Wiggers de Vries et al. \(2013\)](#)  
105 reported ~1.8 Ga  $T_{RD}$  ages for sulfide inclusions in diamonds. Peridotite xenoliths from the  
106 Obnazhennaya kimberlite, by comparison, show both Archean and Paleoproterozoic ages  
107 (peaks at 2.8 and 1.9 Ga), with no relation to their modal (dunites or harzburgites) or WR  
108 major element compositions ([Ionov et al., 2015a](#)). Likewise, [Moyen et al. \(2017\)](#) reported a  
109 bimodal age distribution for crustal xenoliths from Udachnaya (~1.9 Ga for the lower crust

110 and ~2.8 and for the upper crust) and suggested that the Siberian cratonic lithosphere formed  
111 in two stages, i.e. first in the Archean, then in the Paleoproterozoic when much of the pre-  
112 existing lithospheric mantle and lower crust was replaced with younger melting residues.

113 An alternative approach to dating Udachnaya peridotites was employed by [Pernet-Fisher et](#)  
114 [al. \(2015\)](#) who reported Re-Os isotope data not on representative WR samples, but on small  
115 amounts of material extracted from five xenoliths and on olivine separates from another five  
116 xenoliths. The advantages of such an approach are that small xenoliths are easier to find and  
117 handle, yet, the absence of modal and WR chemical data, that are essential to assess the  
118 melting and metasomatism history of the mantle, adds uncertainties to age estimates and their  
119 interpretation. [Pernet-Fisher et al. \(2015\)](#) obtained  $T_{RD}$  values from  $\leq 0$  to 2.7 Ga and argued  
120 that they record melt extraction events ranging from ~3 Ga to ~1.2 Ga despite strong evidence  
121 (common deformation, low olivine Mg# (0.894–0.914) and high Re/Os ratios) for melt  
122 metasomatism evoked for such samples in earlier studies of Udachnaya xenoliths ([Agashev et](#)  
123 [al., 2013](#); [Ionov et al., 2015b](#); [Pearson et al., 1995b](#)). Finally, [Pernet-Fisher et al. \(2019\)](#)  
124 reported Archean  $T_{RD}$  values for fragments of seven (out of eleven analysed) olivine  
125 megacrysts from Udachnaya (apparently similar to those analysed by [Pearson et al. \(1995b\)](#)).

126 To sum up, three formation models have been proposed for the mantle lithosphere of the  
127 Siberian craton: (1) overall Archean ( $\geq 3$  Ga) formation age ([Pearson et al., 1995b](#); [Pernet-](#)  
128 [Fisher et al., 2019](#)), (2) continuous or multi-stage formation from the Eoarchean to  
129 Mesoproterozoic ([Pernet-Fisher et al., 2015](#)), and (3) a two-stage formation based on bimodal  
130 age distribution for mantle and crustal rocks ([Ionov et al., 2015b](#); [Moyen et al., 2017](#)).

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### 132 1.2. *The enigmatic nature of the oldest materials in the Siberian cratonic mantle*

133 The nature of the rare mantle materials with Archean ages from Udachnaya remains  
134 enigmatic. Textural, modal, chemical and isotopic features of such xenoliths, and their

135 differences with younger rocks, must be constrained to gain insights into the earliest stages of  
136 lithospheric formation in the central Siberian craton. [Pearson et al. \(1995b\)](#) referred to three  
137 out of four of their Archean samples as “megacrystalline peridotites”, for which only  
138 qualitative descriptions and mineral analyses were reported. Their  $Mg\#_{ol}$  [ $Mg/(Mg+Fe)_{at}$  of  
139 olivine] (0.922–0.927) fall in the range for coarse harzburgites from Udachnaya (0.919–  
140 0.930) with ~2 Ga  $T_{RD}$  ages ([Doucet et al., 2013](#); [Ionov et al., 2015b](#)); some contain rare sub-  
141 calcic garnets ([Pokhilenko et al., 1991](#); [Sobolev et al., 1984](#)), but published data are too scarce  
142 to assess links of Archean ages with garnet compositions. Another Archean sample, spinel  
143 peridotite UV191/89 ([Pearson et al., 1995b](#)) was reported to contain 12% orthopyroxene  
144 (opx), but is referred to as dunite ([Boyd et al., 1997](#)).

145 [Pearson et al. \(1995b\)](#) linked the Archean ages chiefly to “megacrystalline peridotites”  
146 (probably, olivine megacrysts), but the absence of petrographic descriptions and quantitative  
147 data on modal or bulk chemical compositions of these samples renders it difficult to constrain  
148 their origin and compare them to other mantle xenoliths. [Sobolev et al. \(1984\)](#) collected ~300  
149 olivine megacrysts and what they call “megacrystalline dunites” at Udachnaya. Most of them  
150 are very small (1–3 cm), with few samples >5 cm in at least one dimension; the largest olivine  
151 grains measure ~10 cm, but their size varies both within and between the samples, and grades  
152 to <1 cm. The megacrystalline olivine may contain inclusions of garnet (mainly Ca-poor, Cr-  
153 rich), less commonly, Cr-spinel, opx, clinopyroxene (cpx) and ilmenite, i.e. minerals also  
154 common in coarse peridotites. [Pernet-Fisher et al. \(2019\)](#) used He-Os isotope and trace  
155 element data for olivine megacrysts from Udachnaya to examine their metasomatism but did  
156 not address the origin of these exotic materials (especially, how they could be produced by  
157 melt extraction) or their relations with coarse harzburgites.

158 A particular problem is ambiguous terminology and sample descriptions in the previous  
159 studies. [Pernet-Fisher et al. \(2019\)](#) described each of their samples as “one large megacryst”



160 of olivine (mainly  $\leq 2\text{--}3$  cm in size), yet also called them “megacrystalline dunites”, a term  
161 appropriate for rocks composed of aggregates of olivine grains, but questionable for single  
162 olivine crystals. For instance, kimberlites at Udachnaya and elsewhere commonly contain  
163 large mantle-derived clinopyroxene crystals (Abersteiner et al., 2019), but they are not  
164 referred to as “megacrystalline pyroxenites”. “Megacrystalline dunites” analyzed by Pearson  
165 et al. (1995b) may rather be olivine megacrysts as well, i.e. essentially the same kind of  
166 materials as those reported later by Pernet-Fisher et al. (2019).

167 Overall, it is not clear what distinguishes these Archean materials from post-Archean  
168 spinel and garnet peridotites from Udachnaya: their ultra-coarse grain size, their high modal  
169 olivine or other parameters. It appears that Archean  $T_{RD}$  ages for Udachnaya have been so far  
170 obtained almost exclusively on olivine megacrysts. This also raises a question whether the  
171 Udachnaya-East kimberlites enclose any normal dunites, i.e. poly-grain olivine-rich rocks  
172 similar in grain size to other peridotite xenoliths, like dunites in the Obnazhennaya kimberlite  
173 (Ionov et al., 2015a).

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### 175 1.3. Objectives of this study

176 Given the limited number of samples studied and the dearth of petrologic and chemical  
177 WR data reported (Pearson et al., 1995b; Pernet-Fisher et al., 2019), the nature of Archean  
178 mantle materials from Udachnaya, in particular of the megacrystalline xenoliths and coarse  
179 olivine-rich peridotites, remains to be fully established. To address the unresolved questions,  
180 we collected and studied olivine-rich Udachnaya peridotites regardless of their grain size,  
181 sufficiently large to yield representative WR powders. Robust modal, WR chemical data and  
182 formation ages for these potentially oldest lithospheric mantle materials in Siberia, including  
183 ultra-coarse-grained xenoliths, are essential to constraining their origin, notably melting  
184 history in relation to relevant experimental data (e.g. Herzberg, 2004; Walter, 2003).

185 Here we provide the first comprehensive set of petrologic, geochemical and age data for  
186 main types of the most refractory xenolith materials in kimberlites from the Siberian craton:  
187 dunites (including their “megacrystalline” variety) and olivine-rich harzburgites, as well as  
188 large olivine megacrysts reported in earlier studies (Pearson et al., 1995b; Pernet-Fisher et al.,  
189 2019). We report highly siderophile element (HSE) concentration data and Os isotopic  
190 compositions for 24 new, olivine-rich peridotites, as well as three opx-rich xenoliths, from the  
191 Udachnaya kimberlite together with modal and petrographic data, bulk-rock and mineral  
192 major and trace element compositions. The major objectives of this paper are to: (a) establish  
193 the Os isotope and HSE distribution in these materials; (b) better constrain their formation  
194 (melt extraction) ages, and (c) examine relations between the mantle and crustal components  
195 of different ages during the formation and assembly of the central Siberian craton.

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## 197 **2. Geological setting and samples**

### 198 *2.1. Geologic setting of the Udachnaya pipe*

199 The Udachnaya kimberlite (66°26'N, 112°19'E) is located in the Sakha (Yakutia) Republic  
200 of the Russian Federation, close to the center of Siberia (KML file). It belongs to the Daldyn-  
201 Alakit field in the southwestern portion of the Yakutian kimberlite province that extends from  
202 the center to northern and NE parts of the Siberian craton (KML file). The kimberlite was  
203 mined for diamonds in an open pit in 1971–2015. From 2015, the mining and crushing have  
204 been done underground making it unlikely for more xenoliths to be recovered. Samples in this  
205 study were collected at ~400–640 m depth near the center of the Udachnaya-East pipe in  
206 remarkably well-preserved type-I kimberlite (Kamenetsky et al., 2012) or in the storage area  
207 of mined materials from the same depth range. They are generally less altered than samples  
208 found near the surface or at shallow levels in the mine (e.g. Boyd et al., 1997; Pearson et al.,  
209 1995b).

210 The pipe is hosted by Neoproterozoic to Paleozoic sedimentary rocks, and is believed to be  
211 located in the Daldyn block of the craton. This block is exposed on the Anabar shield north of  
212 Udachnaya, where crustal rocks have U-Pb zircon ages from 1.8 to 3.4 Ga with three main  
213 periods: 1.8–2.0 Ga, 2.4–2.8 Ga and 3.0–3.4 Ga (Paquette et al., 2017). U-Pb dating of  
214 perovskite in kimberlite yielded an eruption age of  $367\pm 5$  Ma for the Udachnaya-East pipe  
215 and a range from  $353\pm 5$  to  $361\pm 4$  Ma for the adjacent Udachnaya-West as well as several  
216 other pipes in the Daldyn field (Kinny et al., 1997). Other estimates range from 347 to 429  
217 Ma (see Ionov et al. (2015b)). For simplicity, and in line with some previous peridotite  
218 xenolith studies (e.g. Ionov et al., 2015b), we assume below an eruption age of 360 Ma.

219 Previous work has provided much information about the Udachnaya kimberlite and its  
220 various xenolithic materials (Abersteiner et al., 2018; Agashev et al., 2013; Golovin et al.,  
221 2018; Jean et al., 2016; Kamenetsky et al., 2014; Kamenetsky et al., 2012; Kamenetsky et al.,  
222 2008; Kitayama et al., 2017; Pernet-Fisher et al., 2019; Sobolev et al., 2009; Spetsius and  
223 Serenko, 1990). Multi-discipline studies of a suite of large, fresh peridotite xenoliths from  
224 Udachnaya have provided comprehensive data on their petrography and chemical  
225 composition (Doucet et al., 2013; Doucet et al., 2012; Doucet et al., 2014; Goncharov et al.,  
226 2012; Ionov et al., 2010), radiogenic and stable isotopes (Doucet et al., 2016; Ionov et al.,  
227 2017; Kang et al., 2017; Xia et al., 2017) as well as petrophysical properties (Bascou et al.,  
228 2011) that address melt extraction and metasomatism during the formation and evolution of  
229 the cratonic lithosphere.

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## 231 2.2. *Sample selection and preparation*

232 Olivine-rich xenoliths, including olivine megacrysts and “megacrystalline dunites”  $\geq 5$  cm  
233 in size were targeted in the field in recent years, but they are very scarce and usually hard to  
234 recover from massive kimberlites in Udachnaya. In addition, hundreds of xenoliths collected

235 by AVG and AVK since 2003 were re-examined to select olivine-rich ( $\geq 80\%$ ) samples,  
236 regardless of their grain size. Twenty-four such xenoliths (including U220 earlier reported by  
237 [Ionov et al. \(2010\)](#)) were chosen for this study based on their size, low alteration degrees and  
238 high modal olivine (from visual inspection) without preference for any rock type. Three opx-  
239 rich rocks were included as well for comparison. The samples are listed in [Table 1](#), which  
240 provides a summary of essential data for each xenolith; the full dataset is given in Electronic  
241 Supplement 1 (ES1).

242 The xenoliths ranged in size from 5 to 20 cm. It may not be certain if some very coarse-  
243 grained samples 5–10 cm in size are large enough to prepare representative WR powders, but  
244 they appear to be the largest samples currently available for these rare rock types, and no  
245 larger xenoliths from Udachnaya may be accessible in the future. Their rinds were removed  
246 by hammer or by sawing if they contained kimberlite or alteration products; sawn surfaces  
247 were cleaned on alumina disks. Material from xenolith cores (32–250 g and an ilmenite-  
248 bearing sample of 16 g; [Table 1](#)) was inspected to make sure it contained no veins or modal  
249 gradations and crushed to  $< 5$ –10 mm in a jaw crusher with ceramic jaws and inner walls.  
250 Photographs of WR samples prepared for crushing are given in Electronic Supplement 2  
251 (ES2). Splits of crushed material (10–20 g) were ground to fine powder in agate. The crusher  
252 and jars (see photos in ES2) were carefully cleaned to avoid cross-contamination.

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### 254 **3. Methods**

255 Detailed descriptions of the methods are provided in ES3.

#### 256 *3.1. Major elements, modal compositions and P-T estimates*

257 Whole rock major element compositions were obtained by wavelength-dispersive (WD) X-  
258 ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometry at J. Gutenberg University, Mainz. Rock powders were  
259 ignited for  $\geq 3$  h at 1000°C to turn all FeO into Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, expel volatiles, and measure the loss on

260 ignition (LOI). Glass beads, produced by fusing 0.8 g of ignited powders with 4.8 g of dried  
261  $\text{LiB}_4\text{O}_7$  (1:7 dilution) were analyzed on a Philips PW 1404 spectrometer using ultramafic and  
262 mafic reference samples as external standards. Peridotite reference samples JP-1 and UBN  
263 were analyzed as unknowns to control accuracy with results close to recommended values  
264 (ES1). The compositions are reported with  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  recalculated to FeO.

265 Minerals were analyzed for major elements by WD electron probe microanalysis (EPMA)  
266 at the Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences (GIG-CAS) in  
267 grain mounts. Garnet and spinel were run on a JXA-8900 instrument at 20 kV accelerating  
268 voltage, 40 nA beam current, 1–3 mm beam diameter, counting times of 20–40 s for peaks  
269 and 20–40 s for background (Ziberna et al., 2016) with ZAF data reduction procedure.

270 Olivine and pyroxenes (homogeneous cores delimited using BSE imaging) were analyzed on  
271 Cameca SXFive FE. Olivine was run at 20 kV, 20–60 s peak counting time, and the current of  
272 20 nA and 100 nA. Data obtained at 20nA are reported for Si, Fe, Mn and Ni, and data at 100  
273 nA for Cr, Ca and Na; concentrations of Al and Ti are below detection for nearly all samples.  
274 Machine drift and accuracy were monitored with the MongOl reference sample (Batanova et  
275 al., 2019), see ES3. Pyroxenes were run at 20 kV, 40 nA, 1–3 mm beam, and 40 s counting  
276 times for peaks and background; the PAP procedure was used for matrix correction.

277 Equilibration temperatures (T) were calculated based on the following mineral pairs and  
278 methods depending on the minerals present: (a) cpx-opx (Taylor, 1998); (b) Ca-in-cpx (Nimis  
279 and Taylor, 2000); (c) Ca-in-opx (Brey and Köhler, 1990) corrected as in Nimis and Grütter  
280 (2010); (d) opx-garnet (Nimis and Grütter, 2010). Equilibration pressure was estimated with  
281 opx-garnet barometer of Nickel and Green (1985); for spinel peridotites it was evaluated  
282 based on projection of their equilibration T's to local geotherm (Goncharov et al., 2012), and  
283 for garnet peridotites using P values for samples with similar T's.

284 Modal abundances were calculated from a least-squares fit of the WR major element

285 composition to its constituent minerals. The method chooses predicted values of modal  
286 abundances that minimize the sum of squared errors of prediction values for WR abundances  
287 of Si, Ti, Al, Cr, Fe, Mn, Mg, Ca, Na and Ni based on EPMA data for minerals compared to  
288 actual WR values for these elements. The totals of the calculated modal abundances are  
289 within  $\pm 0.5\%$  of 100% for 16 xenoliths out of 27,  $\pm 0.9\%$  for 25 xenoliths and within  $\pm 1.2\%$   
290 for pyroxenite 194-13 and ilmenite-bearing dunite 571-13 (ES1), possibly due to the presence  
291 of unidentified accessory minerals. The modal estimates are reported in [Table 1](#) normalized to  
292 yield 100% totals. The same software has been used in our mantle xenolith studies in the last  
293 two decades. [Ionov et al. \(2010\)](#) calculated modal compositions for three Udachnaya  
294 peridotites reported by [Boyd et al. \(1997\)](#) using their data and the same software as in this  
295 study. They reproduced four of the six modal olivine and opx values from [Boyd et al. \(1997\)](#)  
296 within 0.1%, and obtained lower opx values (by 0.8 and 1.5%) in two samples. Overall, the  
297 uncertainties of our modal estimates for olivine and opx appear to be within  $\pm 1.5\%$ .

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### 299 3.2. *Lithophile trace elements*

300 Trace elements in WR powders were determined by inductively-coupled plasma (ICP)  
301 mass-spectrometry (MS) at the GIG-CAS. A multi-stage acid-digestion procedure in bombs  
302 was employed for complete dissolution of acid-resistant phases like spinel and ilmenite (ES3).  
303 Samples in 3% HNO<sub>3</sub> (1:4000 dilution) spiked with a Rh-Re solution to correct for mass-  
304 related instrument drift were analyzed on a Thermo-Scientific iCAP Q with USGS reference  
305 materials (BHVO-2, GSR-1, GSR-2, GSR-3, AGV-2, W-2a, SARM-4) for calibration; oxide  
306 yields were  $< 3\%$  based on the  $^{140}\text{Ce}^{16}\text{O}/^{140}\text{Ce}$  ratio. USGS basalt BIR-1 was repeatedly  
307 measured as unknown and yielded abundances within  $\leq 6\%$  of reference values and  
308 reproducibility  $\leq 10\%$  (2 RSD, relative standard deviation) for most elements (ES 1).

309 Trace elements in minerals were analyzed at the GIG-CAS in polished grain mounts by

310 laser ablation (LA) ICPMS with a sector field ELEMENT XR (Thermo Fisher Scientific)  
311 coupled with a 193-nm (ArF) Resonetics RESolution M-50 laser (6Hz, 4 J cm<sup>-2</sup>, beam 45  
312 μm). Calibration was done with USGS glasses BCR-2G, BHVO-2G and GSD-1G (external  
313 standards), and Si as internal standard. Thirty analyses of TB-1G yielded abundances within  
314 ≤8% of reference values and reproducibility of ≤10% (2 RSD) for most elements (ES1).

315

### 316 3.3. Os isotope and HSE analyses of whole-rocks at the GIG-CAS

317 Os isotope ratios and Re and Os abundances were determined in ~1 g of powder aliquots.  
318 The samples were mixed with a <sup>185</sup>Re-<sup>190</sup>Os spike, sealed into Pyrex Carius tubes with 10 ml  
319 of inverse aqua regia (3:1 HNO<sub>3</sub>:HCl) and kept at 240°C for 2 days. Osmium was extracted  
320 from the aqua regia to CCl<sub>4</sub>, then to HBr, micro-distilled using CrO<sub>3</sub>-4N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, then loaded  
321 onto Pt filaments and followed when dry with a Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> activator. Os isotopic ratios were  
322 measured on a Triton thermal ionization MS (TIMS) via peak hopping on single electron  
323 multiplier. Data were fractionation-corrected to <sup>192</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os = 3.08271. Total Os blank was  
324 0.46 ± 0.42 (2σ, n=5) pg. A mean <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os of 0.12042 ± 0.00027 (2 σ, n=6) was obtained  
325 for Merck Chemical AA standard solution for the period of analysis. These results are in good  
326 agreement with a value of 0.12022 ± 0.00020 (2σ, n=14) measured on the same mass  
327 spectrometer in Faraday cup mode (Li et al., 2010). Zhang et al. (2017) found no systematic  
328 differences in Os isotope ratios for USGS BIR-1a digested in Carius tubes either with or  
329 without de-silicification with HF prior to Carius tube digestion, indicating that an HF  
330 dissolution step is not required to obtain reliable Re-Os isotope results. Our mean <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os  
331 value of 0.13373±0.00081 (2σ, n=5) for BIR-1a analyzed with the same procedure is in good  
332 agreement with published data (0.13372 ± 0.00080 and 0.13371± 0.00092) reported by  
333 Ishikawa et al. (2014) and Zhang et al. (2017), respectively.

334 The aqua regia was dried and re-dissolved in 1N HCl after Os extraction; Re was separated

335 by anion chromatography (see ES3), with a cleanup column to exclude interferences. Its  
336 concentrations were measured by isotope dilution (ID) ICP-MS on a Thermo-Scientific  
337 XSERIES. Total Re blank was  $6.3 \pm 1.1$  ( $2\sigma$ ,  $n = 5$ ) pg.

338 A separate aliquot of rock powder was used for PGE analyses. The concentrations of Ir,  
339 Ru, Pt and Pd were determined by ID-ICPMS after Carius tube digestion (see above) with a  
340 mixed spike containing enriched isotopes of these elements in the correct proportions for a  
341 rock with chondritic PGE ratios. Purified solutions of these elements were obtained using  
342 cation columns (see ES3) and analyzed on a Thermo Scientific iCAP-Q. Total procedural  
343 blank was <5 pg for Ir, 13 pg for Ru, 17 pg for Pd and 28 pg for Pt. Values for each element  
344 are averages of nine replicate analyses, with RSD <10% in most cases. The concentrations  
345 obtained for peridotite standards GPT-3 and GPT-4 (Chinese national reference materials  
346 GBW07290 and GBW07291) are within error of recommended values (ES3).

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## 348 **4. Results**

### 349 *4.1. Petrography and modal composition*

350 Among 27 samples in this study, four are olivine megacrysts, eleven are dunites (rocks  
351 with  $\geq 90\%$  olivine as multiple grains), another eleven are harzburgites (52–87% olivine) and  
352 one is olivine orthopyroxenite (Streckeisen, 1976). The samples are further subdivided into  
353 four groups based on modal abundances and microstructures (Table 1; Fig. 1; ES1-2).

354 (1) Five megacrystalline xenoliths are distinguished by very coarse grain size of olivine  
355 ( $>1$  cm). Four of them look like individual olivine crystals (megacrysts) that may contain  
356 inclusions of opx, cpx, garnet and spinel, e.g. U220  $>8$  cm long and  $>100$  g in weight (Fig.  
357 1b). They are comparable to seven “group 1” ( $Mg\#_{Ol} > 0.92$ ) Udachnaya xenoliths reported by  
358 Pernet-Fisher et al. (2019), each described as “one large megacryst” of olivine, and apparently  
359 also to three samples that Pearson et al. (1995b) called “megacrystalline dunites”, but are



360 likely olivine megacrysts as well. One of our megacrystalline samples (Uv83-13) is an  
361 aggregate of very large (>1 cm) olivine and small interstitial grains of pyroxenes, garnet and  
362 spinel, i.e. could be called megacrystalline dunite (rock composed primarily of olivine grains).

363 (2) Nine “coarse dunites” (Fig. 1c-f) have protogranular microstructure and consist of  
364 olivine grains 1–5 mm in size and smaller interstitial pyroxenes, garnet and spinel; sample  
365 571-13 contains ~3% of purple ilmenite coexisting with garnet. Some contain clusters rich in  
366 garnet, spinel and opx that may have larger grain size (Fig. 1c-d). Unlike all other dunites,  
367 sample 48-12 is sheared, with irregular fragments of coarse olivine among fine-grained  
368 olivine neoblasts (Plate B', ES2). The coarse and shear dunites, unlike olivine megacrysts,  
369 have not been previously reported from Udachnaya.

370 (3) Nine “low-opx harzburgites” contain 11–21% opx (Fig. 1g-h) and are similar to coarse  
371 dunites in hand specimens in terms of grain size and microstructure. These harzburgites can  
372 only be distinguished from coarse dunites using modal and WR major element compositions.

373 (4) Two “opx-rich harzburgites” contain 40–50% opx with grain size larger than for  
374 coexisting olivine; they were added to the suite for comparison with the low-opx harzburgites.  
375 Late-stage alteration is rare or absent in nearly all the samples, which usually contain non-  
376 serpentinized olivine.

377 Modal compositions are given in Table 1 and shown in Fig. 2 as co-variation plots and  
378 relative to  $Mg\#_{WR}$ . In general, all the four main xenolith types in this study can be robustly  
379 distinguished by modal abundances. The dunites and low-opx harzburgites define a small, but  
380 distinctive gap in modal opx:  $\geq 11\%$  in the harzburgites vs.  $\leq 5\%$  in ten dunites out of eleven  
381 (except unusual, metasomatized sample 85-14 with 8.6% opx, Fig. 2a, d). This gap is greater  
382 than the uncertainties of modal estimates (Section 3.1). Olivine and opx are by far the most  
383 abundant minerals, with totals >94%, and define a linear co-variation trend for all the xenolith  
384 types, except olivine megacrysts because the latter may contain more garnet (Fig. 2c) than

385 opx (Fig. 2d). Garnet abundances range from 0 to 4–6% and are similar in all the rock groups  
386 (averages 2–3%, Table 1).

387

#### 388 4.2. Major element compositions and P-T estimates

389 Major element compositions of bulk xenoliths and minerals are given in Table 2 of ES1  
390 and shown in Figs. 3-5. The dunites, olivine megacrysts and harzburgites have similar  
391 variation ranges of some major elements (Ca, Al, Fe, Cr) as well as of Mg# in bulk samples  
392 ( $Mg\#_{WR}$ ) (Figs. 3-4) and olivine ( $Mg\#_{Ol}$ ). However, the bulk dunites and megacrysts tend to  
393 have higher MgO and NiO, but lower SiO<sub>2</sub> and Na<sub>2</sub>O (Figs. 3e-f and 4b); they are clearly set  
394 apart from the harzburgites by higher Mg/Si<sub>mol</sub> ratios ( $\geq 1.7$ , Fig. 3b) linked to lower modal  
395 opx in the dunites and megacrysts (Fig. 2d). The WR ranges of FeO (6.1–7.9 wt.%) and Mg#  
396 (0.917–0.934) are similar for coarse dunites, olivine megacrysts and low-opx harzburgites,  
397 and typical of those in refractory cratonic peridotites (Fig. 4a). The bulk variation ranges and  
398 average concentrations of CaO (0.13–0.47 wt.%, av. = 0.25 wt.%) and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0.02–0.68  
399 wt.%, av. = 0.36 wt.%) for megacrystalline dunites are lower than for coarse dunites (0.28–  
400 1.04 wt. and 0.56 wt.% CaO; 0.28–1.04 wt.% and 0.56 wt.% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). Sheared dunite 48-12  
401 has high FeO (12.5 wt.%) and low Mg# (0.87).

402 The  $Mg\#_{Ol}$  for coarse peridotites and megacrysts in this study range from 0.920 to 0.934  
403 and define a close-fitting linear co-variation with the Mg# of coexisting opx suggesting  
404 chemical equilibration, but the plots of  $Mg\#_{Ol}$  vs. Mg# of garnet and cpx show more scatter  
405 (Fig. 5a). The Mg# of garnet (0.79–0.86) is much lower than for coexisting olivine and  
406 pyroxenes. The  $Mg\#_{Ol}$  shows a linear correlation with  $Mg\#_{WR}$  (Fig. 5c), but xenoliths with  
407 high modal abundances of low-Mg# garnet, ilmenite ( $Mg\#_{Ilm} = 0.3$ ) and spinel ( $Mg\#_{Sp} =$   
408 0.53–0.75) plot off the trend to higher  $Mg\#_{Ol}$ ; this is the reason why  $Mg\#_{Ol}$  alone is not a  
409 reliable index of melt extraction for cratonic xenoliths (e.g. Doucet et al., 2013; Ionov et al.,

410 2010).

411 The modal abundances of garnet and pyroxenes are not correlated with  $Mg\#_{WR}$  (Fig. 2d-f),  
412 but the garnet modes are proportional to bulk-rock  $Al_2O_3$ , in particular in dunites (Fig. 5c).  
413 The concentrations of  $Cr_2O_3$  and the  $Cr\#_{Gar}$  ( $Cr/(Cr+Al)_{mol}$  in garnet) define positive  
414 correlations with the  $Cr\#_{WR}$  (Fig. 5d). Together with the  $Mg\#_{WR}$  vs.  $Mg\#_{Gar}$  correlation, this  
415 suggests that garnet is chemically equilibrated in the peridotites, in spite of local irregularities  
416 due to zoning and distinct garnet generations. CaO in garnets shows negative correlations  
417 with MgO (close-fitting) and  $Cr_2O_3$  (dispersed) (Fig. 5c-d).

418 Pressure and temperature (P-T) estimates are problematic in some xenoliths in this study  
419 because the most robust thermobarometry methods are based on compositions of coexisting  
420 pyroxenes and garnet (e.g. Nimis and Grütter, 2010), whereas not all of these minerals may be  
421 present or fully chemically equilibrated due to low abundances and/or the presence of  
422 generations with different compositions (Table 2 of ES1). Table 1 gives the list of the thermo-  
423 barometers and P-T values calculated for eleven garnet-bearing xenoliths. Temperature  
424 estimates for another ten samples that contain pyroxenes, but not garnets are based on fixed P  
425 values (3.5 or 4.0 GPa) selected using T projections to a local geotherm (Goncharov et al.,  
426 2012), and have much higher uncertainties. The P-T values for the garnet-bearing rocks (783–  
427 1154°C; 3.9–6.5 GPa) plot between the model 35 and 40  $mW/m^2$  conduction geotherms; the  
428 T estimates for the other xenoliths fall in the same T range (Fig. 6). Importantly, the dunites  
429 show a broad P-T range that overlaps with that earlier reported for coarse garnet peridotites  
430 from Udachnaya (Doucet et al., 2013) and thus do not appear to be concentrated within a  
431 particular depth range in the lithospheric profile.

432

#### 433 4.3. Trace element compositions

434 Trace element compositions (and WR patterns) are given in Tables 4-5 of ES1. The WR

435 rare earth element (REE) patterns normalized to primitive mantle (PM) show continuous  
436 enrichments in the light (LREE) and medium (MREE) over heavy REE (HREE), but the PM-  
437 normalized abundances decrease for the heaviest REE from Lu to Tm or Ho in many samples  
438 (Fig. 7a, c, d). The WR patterns for lithophile trace elements are more complex, with common  
439 negative Zr-Hf anomalies and positive Nb-Ta anomalies (Fig. 7b, d, f).

440 The WR enrichments in highly incompatible elements are not likely to be due to direct  
441 contamination by macroscopic veins and pockets of kimberlite, which were avoided during  
442 sample preparation. Besides, the patterns for Udachnaya kimberlites and the xenoliths are  
443 different for some elements like Rb, Ba, Sr (Fig. 7). On the other hand, it appears that a range  
444 of kimberlite-related fluids infiltrated and reacted with the xenoliths shortly before or during  
445 their transport to leave behind melt inclusions and numerous micro-phases (e.g. Golovin et  
446 al., 2019). These may be alkali-carbonate liquids that reacted with host deep mantle to form  
447 primitive kimberlite melts as well as mobile fractionation products of kimberlite magmas.

448 Garnet is the only accessory mineral analyzed by LA-ICPMS in many xenoliths. Its REE  
449 patterns (Fig. 8) are usually sinusoidal, however garnet 565-10 has an inverted (relative to the  
450 sinusoidal patterns) shape with low MREE (Fig. 8c); such patterns are common for garnets in  
451 coarse Udachnaya peridotites (Agashev et al., 2013; Doucet et al., 2013; Shimizu et al.,  
452 1997). The trace element data suggest that different garnet generations may be present in the  
453 xenoliths. Sample 575-13 contains both the sinusoidal and LREE-depleted (Fig. 8b), but  
454 HREE-MREE-enriched, garnets; the HREE-MREE-enriched patterns are typical for  
455 deformed, mainly melt-metasomatized Udachnaya peridotites (Agashev et al., 2013; Doucet  
456 et al., 2013).

457 Three WR dunites show positive Eu anomalies (Fig. 7a, c), but the garnets (major HREE-  
458 MREE hosts) in the same samples have no sizeable Eu anomalies. Analyzing small, locally  
459 zoned, garnet grains at low abundances is challenging. The Eu anomalies in the WR xenoliths

460 may be analytical artefacts due to sporadic oxide ( $^{135}\text{Ba}^{16}\text{O}$ ) interferences with  $^{151}\text{Eu}$  (e.g.  
461 [Ionov et al., 1992](#)). Alternatively, the trace elements in the garnets may not be fully  
462 equilibrated with other trace element hosts in the samples, but this is not very likely because  
463 major element indices, like Mg# or Cr# ([Fig. 5a, d](#)), suggest that the garnets are equilibrated  
464 with other minerals. Additional work is required to address the discrepancy.

465

#### 466 4.4. PGE and Re abundances

467 The WR abundances of PGE and Re are given in [Table 2](#). The Os concentrations in 23  
468 xenoliths range from 0.4 to 15.8 ppb, about half are higher than 3.9 ppb, which is the value  
469 inferred for the PM ([Palme and O'Neill, 2014](#)) whereas the sheared dunite, one low-opx and  
470 two opx-rich harzburgites are very low in Os (0.01–0.04 ppb). Similar Os ranges for coarse  
471 Udachnaya peridotites were previously reported by [Pearson et al. \(1995b\)](#) and [Ionov et al.](#)  
472 [\(2015b\)](#). Average Os concentrations are higher for olivine megacrysts and megacrystalline  
473 dunite ( $8.3 \pm 4.5$  ppb,  $1\sigma$ ) than for coarse dunites ( $4.2 \pm 2.5$  ppb) and low-opx harzburgites  
474 ( $3.7 \pm 1.9$  ppb), but it is not clear that these differences are meaningful because the Os  
475 contents are too varied (high  $\sigma$ ), their ranges overlap and the samples are too few. The broad  
476 Os variations in the xenoliths in this study are not likely to be due to the “nugget effect”  
477 (sampling or analytical) alone, but may reflect heterogeneous Os distribution in the mantle on  
478 a large scale, possibly due to metasomatism-related PGE mobility (e.g. [Reisberg et al., 2005](#)).  
479 Re concentrations in all but four samples are at or below the PM value (0.35 ppb).

480 PM-normalized ([Becker et al., 2006](#)) patterns for PGE and Re are shown in [Fig. 9](#). The  
481 levels and patterns for Os, Ir and Ru are similar for the majority of dunites, megacrysts and  
482 harzburgites, except four low-Os rocks and two other samples that have unusually high or low  
483 Os/Ir ratios. Five megacrystalline xenoliths ([Fig. 9a](#)) show continuous depletions in Pt, Pd and  
484 Re relative to Os, Ir, and Ru. Six coarse dunites show similar trends whereas another three

485 coarse dunites show Re-enrichments and irregular PGE patterns (Fig. 9b). The harzburgites  
486 show the greatest range of patterns. All of them are depleted in Pt and Pd relative to Os-Ir-Ru,  
487 but some are depleted in Pt relative to Pd and/or enriched in Re relative to Pd (Fig. 9c).

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#### 489 4.5. Re-Os isotope systematics

490 The  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  and  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios are given in Table 2, together with  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$   
491 values recalculated to the eruption age of the host kimberlite (~360 Ma) using the  $^{187}\text{Re}$  decay  
492 constant ( $\lambda^{187}\text{Re}$ ) of  $1.666 \pm 0.005 \times 10^{-11} \text{ a}^{-1}$  (Smoliar et al., 1996), and model  $T_{\text{RD}}$  and  $T_{\text{MA}}$   
493 ages calculated with PM (PUM) estimates for  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1296$  (Meisel et al., 2001) and  
494  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.4353$  (Becker et al., 2006); the  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  values at the eruption age were  
495 used to obtain the  $T_{\text{RD}}$  values.

496 The samples in this study define a positive  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  vs.  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  (Fig. 10a) linear  
497 correlation ( $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.0062 \times ^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} + 0.1129$ ) with a slope equivalent to an age of  
498 0.37 Ga, which is identical to the eruption age of host kimberlite (see Section 2.1). The slope  
499 (hence the age) is mainly defined by a subset of ten xenoliths with very high  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  and  
500 appears to be robust, e.g. it is little affected if any of the samples with the highest  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$   
501 and  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  are removed one after another. Six of these samples are very low in Os (<0.7  
502 ppb;  $\leq 0.04$  ppb in 4 samples); high  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  (0.7–4.8) in the other four xenoliths are due to  
503 a combination of high Re (0.3–0.7 ppb) and low to moderate Os. It appears that Re  
504 enrichments and Os depletions are linked to processes that were coeval with, or operated  
505 shortly before, the kimberlite eruption. Both  $T_{\text{RD}}$  and  $T_{\text{MA}}$  estimates for these xenoliths appear  
506 to have high uncertainty and may not be well-suited to constrain their melt-extraction age; the  
507  $T_{\text{MA}}$  for these samples are very low and usually negative (Table 2).

508 Sixteen xenoliths that show no apparent Os-depletions ( $[\text{Os}] \geq 1.8$  ppb) and Re-enrichments  
509 are most fitting to constrain melt extraction ages. The  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios in dunites and olivine

510 megacrysts among those samples (0.1066–0.1125) are lower than in harzburgites (0.1145–  
511 0.1157) while their  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ranges are similar (Fig. 10b). As a result, the  $T_{\text{RD}}$  ages for the  
512 dunites and megacrysts (2.4–3.1 Ga; average 2.8 Ga) are higher than for the harzburgites  
513 (1.9–2.1 Ga; average 2.0 Ga). Five megacrystalline xenoliths define a positive  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  vs.  
514  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  linear correlation (Fig. 10b) with an ‘isochron’ age of  $2.7 \pm 1.2$  Ga and an initial  
515  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  of  $0.1069 \pm 0.0017$ . The fields of dunites plus megacrysts on plots of  $T_{\text{RD}}$  ages vs.  
516 modal olivine and opx are distinct from the fields for the harzburgites (Fig. 11).

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## 518 **5. Discussion**

### 519 *5.1. The record of melt extraction and metasomatism in the Udachnaya peridotites*

520 Coarse cratonic peridotites typically have high  $\text{Mg}\#_{\text{WR}} \geq 0.92$  and low Al and Ca (e.g.  
521 Carlson et al., 2005), and are believed to be residues of 35–45% melting of fertile mantle at  
522 about 3 to 7 GPa based on experimental studies (e.g. Walter, 1999). Spinel harzburgites from  
523 Udachnaya were earlier interpreted as nearly pristine, in terms of modal and major oxide  
524 compositions, residues of 35–38% polybaric melt extraction (Doucet et al., 2012; Ionov et al.,  
525 2010), but garnet peridotites from Udachnaya commonly show evidence for modal  
526 metasomatism after melt extraction (Agashev et al., 2013; Doucet et al., 2013).

527 The content of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , CaO and FeO in some dunites and low-opx harzburgites in this study  
528 is about the same or even lower than in the spinel harzburgites from the earlier work (Fig. 4a)  
529 suggesting that they experienced similar, or even higher, degrees of melt extraction. Other  
530 xenoliths, however, contain more  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  than relevant experimental melt extraction residues  
531 (Fig. 4b). The content of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in our samples is not related to  $\text{Mg}\#_{\text{WR}}$  (Fig. 3a), which is  
532 hard to explain in terms of Al variation due to different melting degrees, but is proportional to  
533 modal garnet (Fig. 5c). Small amounts of garnet in refractory cratonic peridotites may form  
534 by exsolution from opx on cooling after melting (Doucet et al., 2013), but dunites and olivine

535 megacrysts in this study contain little, if any, opx. Thus, it appears that some samples in this  
536 study experienced moderate post-melting enrichments in Al, likely linked to garnet formation,  
537 even though the content of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is often considered to be a robust melt extraction index for  
538 residual peridotites (e.g. [Reisberg and Lorand, 1995](#); [Rudnick and Walker, 2009](#)).

539 Clinopyroxene and ilmenite were formed by metasomatism as well; the cpx-bearing  
540 samples show enrichments in Ca ([Fig. 3d](#)) and usually have CaO ≥ Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([Table 1](#)) while the  
541 ilmenite-bearing xenoliths have TiO<sub>2</sub> ≥ 0.06 wt. %.

542 Very low HREE contents in the dunites, megacrysts and low-opx harzburgites (0.01–0.1 ×  
543 PM; [Fig. 7](#)) and PM-normalized values that decrease from Lu up to Ho (i.e. in the direction of  
544 lower compatibility) also suggest that the protoliths for these xenoliths formed by high-degree  
545 melt extraction. However, trace element data, e.g. WR patterns with remarkably regular  
546 enrichments from HREE to MREE and LREE, suggest that all the xenoliths were  
547 subsequently affected by post-melting metasomatism, in line with the common presence of  
548 metasomatic garnet, cpx and ilmenite. The LREE are positively correlated with CaO and may  
549 be mainly hosted in Ca-rich accessory phases. Megacrystalline xenoliths show the largest  
550 REE range, but coarse dunites have higher average LREE-MREE as a group ([Fig. 7](#)). MREE-  
551 LREE enrichments were reported for olivine separated from Udachnaya megacrysts ([Pernet-  
552 Fisher et al., 2019](#)) as well, but at concentrations an order of magnitude lower.

553 A dunite and a harzburgite, in which ilmenite was found in thin sections and/or crushed  
554 rocks, have the highest positive Nb-Ta anomalies ([Fig. 7](#)), suggesting that the Nb-Ta  
555 enrichments in several other xenoliths in this study may be due to accessory metasomatic  
556 ilmenite as well. Occasional Sr enrichments may suggest the presence of mantle-derived  
557 carbonates (e.g. [Ionov, 1998](#)), like those in xenoliths from Obnazhennaya ([Ionov et al.,  
558 2018b](#)), but no carbonates were found in thin sections.



559 The origin of dunites and megacrystalline olivine in cratonic mantle remains controversial.  
560 Dunite formation has been attributed to high-degree melting either in nominally anhydrous  
561 upwelling mantle (ancient plumes or spreading environments) (e.g. [Herzberg, 2004](#); [Servali  
562 and Korenaga, 2018](#)), or in subduction zones and their Archean equivalents supposing that the  
563 presence of water may enhance melting ([Liu et al., 2018](#); [Pearson and Wittig, 2008](#); [Wittig et  
564 al., 2008](#)). [Bernstein et al. \(2006\)](#) reported dunite and low-opx harzburgite xenoliths from  
565 West Greenland (too small to obtain WR samples) with the ranges of  $Mg\#_{Ol}$  (0.920–0.937)  
566 and  $Cr\#_{Spl}$  (0.47–0.96) similar to those in this study, and suggested that these rocks formed by  
567 dry melting to the point of opx exhaustion in the Archean. By contrast, [Pearson and Wittig  
568 \(2008\)](#) argued for the presence of water during melting to form dunites from another West  
569 Greenland site and speculated that migration of siliceous melts produced by opx breakdown  
570 may produce opx-rich harzburgites, like those in this study and earlier work on Udachnaya  
571 ([Boyd et al., 1997](#); [Doucet et al., 2012](#); [Ionov et al., 2010](#)). Alternatively, dunite formation in  
572 mantle lithosphere was attributed to reaction of harzburgites with migrating mafic melts that  
573 breaks down and removes opx (e.g. [Kelemen et al., 1990](#)). The origin of megacrystalline  
574 olivine remains a mystery.

575 The Re-Os dating of xenoliths in this study provides an important argument in this debate  
576 by establishing that Udachnaya dunites and olivine megacrysts are systematically older than  
577 low-opx harzburgites. For instance, the Udachnaya dunites cannot be melt channel materials  
578 ([Kelemen et al., 1990](#)), by contrast to dunites hosted by the Obnazhennaya kimberlite in the  
579 NE Siberian craton that have younger  $T_{RD}$  ages and lower  $Mg\#$  than harzburgites ([Ionov et  
580 al., 2015a](#)). Similarly, the Udachnaya dunites and olivine megacrysts cannot have been  
581 produced by re-melting in subduction zones of older harzburgites formed in ocean ridge  
582 settings ([Pearson and Wittig, 2008](#)). Finally, the change in modal compositions from Archean  
583 dunites to Proterozoic harzburgites cannot be attributed to cooling of the mantle after the late

584 Archean ([Herzberg et al., 2010](#)) because they have similar Mg#, Al and Ca ranges, but  
585 distinct Mg/Si ratios ([Fig. 3](#)), and because harzburgites in other cratons usually have Archean  
586 ages.

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## 588 *5.2. The distribution of PGE and Re in the mantle beneath Udachnaya*

589 This study provides the first HSE data for coarse WR dunites and an orthopyroxenite from  
590 Udachnaya as well as for bulk large olivine megacrysts rather than their fragments or pure  
591 olivine. The abundances and patterns of HSE in 17 WR coarse harzburgites (as well as in  
592 lherzolites and deformed peridotites) from Udachnaya were reported by [Ionov et al. \(2015b\)](#);  
593 they are generally similar to those in this study. Literature data for olivine separated from  
594 small Udachnaya peridotite xenoliths often show very low Os concentrations ([Pearson et al.,](#)  
595 [1995b](#); [Pernet-Fisher et al., 2015](#)) apparently because pure olivine is very low in Os (e.g.  
596 [Burton et al., 2000](#)) and because Os hosts (alloy and sulfide micro-phases) may be unevenly  
597 distributed (e.g. [Aulbach et al., 2016](#)). By comparison, reported Os concentrations in  
598 fragments of eight high-Mg# olivine megacrysts from Udachnaya ([Pearson et al., 1995b](#);  
599 [Pernet-Fisher et al., 2019](#)) are consistently high (0.4–10.7 ppb; av. =  $4.4 \pm 4.0$  ppb ( $1\sigma$ )) and  
600 overlap those for coarse dunites and bulk megacrysts from this study (Plate 6, ES1). We posit  
601 that Os in coarse peridotites including dunites reside mainly in intergranular micro-phases,  
602 while Os in megacrystalline olivine-rich xenoliths may be hosted by inclusions in olivine.

603 Experimental evidence and studies of natural samples have shown that Os and Ir are  
604 compatible during partial melting of fertile mantle and that as melting proceeds move from  
605 sulfides into Os-Ir alloys in refractory residues (e.g., [Brenan and Andrews, 2001](#)). By  
606 contrast, Pt and Pd are compatible to slightly incompatible at low to moderate melting  
607 degrees, but are largely extracted from the residues after 20–25% of melting when sulfides are  
608 exhausted (e.g. [Pearson et al., 2004](#)). The HSE concentrations and patterns in megacrystalline

609 xenoliths and the majority of coarse dunites and low-opx harzburgites in this study (Fig. 9)  
610 are consistent with well-known HSE behavior during melt extraction. The Os, Ir and Ru  
611 concentrations in these samples are close to or somewhat higher than in PM as expected from  
612 mass-balance calculations for compatible elements in melting residues and commonly  
613 observed in cratonic peridotites (Aulbach et al., 2016; Ionov et al., 2015b; Pearson et al.,  
614 2004). By contrast, PM-normalized Pt, Pd and Re abundances in the majority of the samples  
615 decrease steadily due to incompatible behavior at high melting degrees.

616 Seven coarse dunites and harzburgites (including two high-opx harzburgites) show  
617 complex HSE patterns in Fig. 9. All of them have high Re/Os ratios, six are enriched in Re  
618 over Pt-Pd and four are very low in Os. As shown in Section 4.5 and Fig. 10a, these samples  
619 define a positive linear  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  vs.  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  correlation corresponding to the eruption  
620 age of host kimberlite, and close to those obtained by Pearson et al. (1995b) and Ionov et al.  
621 (2015b) for Udachnaya peridotites with high Re/Os ratios. We see this as evidence that both  
622 the Re enrichments and PGE mobility are caused by some kind of interaction of the rocks  
623 with kimberlite-related media, most likely shortly before the transport of the xenoliths by  
624 kimberlite eruption, as shown earlier for sheared Udachnaya peridotites (Golovin et al., 2018;  
625 Golovin et al., 2019). By contrast, we see no robust evidence in hand specimens, thin sections  
626 or chemical analyses for intrusion of the WR samples by bulk kimberlite material during the  
627 eruption. For instance, Re concentrations in the kimberlites (0.11–0.16 ppb) (Ionov et al.,  
628 2015b) are too low to account for Re enrichments in the xenoliths; some trace element ratios  
629 in the kimberlites are different from those in the xenoliths (Fig. 7; see Section 4.3).

630 The fact that no low-Os, high-Re samples are found among megacrystalline xenoliths  
631 may be related to their unusually large grain size, hence low permeability. Two opx-rich  
632 harzburgites analyzed are very low in Os, but they are too few to infer that this is typical for  
633 this rock type. Ionov et al. (2015b) found seven low-Os xenoliths among 29 Udachnaya

634 peridotites analyzed; all of them were garnet- and cpx-bearing harzburgites affected by modal  
635 metasomatism. They speculated that at some conditions (high T, specific melt compositions,  
636 oxygen fugacity) metasomatism may mobilize and remove Os and other PGE from refractory  
637 residues (e.g. [Aulbach et al., 2016](#); [Wittig et al., 2010a](#)). Because all the low-Os coarse  
638 Udachnaya peridotites are Mg-rich (Mg# 0.922–0.934), the hypothetical percolating melts  
639 must have high Mg# and/or be low in iron (e.g. Na-Ca-Mg carbonatites). On the other hand,  
640 PGE+Re patterns in many strongly metasomatized xenoliths in this study (e.g. ilmenite-  
641 bearing and those with the highest modal garnet, cpx and LREE) are not perturbed.

642 The origin of sheared dunite 48-12 that has both low PGE abundances and low Mg# is  
643 uncertain. Its lithophile trace element pattern is very similar to that of olivine megacryst U220  
644 (Plate 4a, ES1). Sheared Udachnaya peridotites reported by [Ionov et al. \(2015b\)](#) have higher  
645 PGE concentrations, and some have nearly flat, PM-like PGE+Re patterns. These rocks have  
646 high Pt-Pd and Re abundances in spite of (or due to?) melt-metasomatism (e.g. [Luguet et al.,](#)  
647 [2015](#)) that accompanied shearing in these rocks. Olivine orthopyroxenite 194-13, which most  
648 likely is of magmatic origin, has a convex-up PGE+Re pattern with maxima for Ru and Pt.

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### 650 *5.3. Constraints on the use of Re-Os isotope data for melt-depletion age estimates*

651 Constraining the age of the xenoliths involves several types of uncertainties. One of them  
652 relates to ubiquitous post-melting Re-enrichments, which are commonly linked to processes  
653 coeval with the eruption of host magma. This is a problem common to Re-Os studies of  
654 xenoliths that led to the definition of the Re-depletion model age ( $T_{RD}$ ; [Walker et al. \(1989\)](#)).  
655  $T_{RD}$  ages are calculated by first correcting the  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios measured in each sample  
656 back to the age of the host volcanic rock using each sample's Re/Os ratio to account for any  
657 Re-addition that presumably occurred at the time of the eruption. The calculated initial  
658  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  is then compared with the Os isotope evolution of pristine undifferentiated mantle

659 assuming that the sample had a Re/Os ratio of zero prior to its capture by the host magma. If  
660 the sample had a non-zero Re/Os ratio while still in the mantle, the  $T_{RD}$  approach provides  
661 only a minimum estimate to the time of Re-depletion through melt extraction.

662 This approach works well for xenoliths with relatively low Re/Os ratios, but its ambiguity  
663 increases with increasing Re/Os ratios measured in a sample, and also depends on (a) the  
664 exact knowledge of the eruption age and (b) the absence of pre-eruption Re enrichments.  
665 Nearly all the samples in this study are highly refractory melt extraction residues (*Section*  
666 *5.1*), and it is reasonable to assume that they had negligible Re abundances after their  
667 formation and thus are likely to yield robust melt extraction age estimates. Very high  
668  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  (up to 4.8) of several xenoliths in this study result in large, and hence uncertain,  
669 eruption age corrections for  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  and  $T_{RD}$  values. We evaluated uncertainties related to  
670 the eruption age of the host kimberlite (~360 Ma) by recalculating initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios  
671 with eruption ages of 390 Ma and 330 Ma for the xenoliths with high Re/Os ratios and  
672 obtained significant  $T_{RD}$  variations ranging from  $\pm 0.06$  Ga for sample 615-09 to  $\pm 0.3$  Ga for  
673 sample 63-13. Re enrichments by ancient metasomatism may affect  $T_{RD}$  estimates even more.

674 To minimize such uncertainties, we disregard  $T_{RD}$  estimates for samples with  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$   
675 ratios higher than the PM value (0.435; [Becker et al. \(2006\)](#)) as well as for dunite 85-14  
676 because its  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratio is too radiogenic for an ancient melt extraction residue and more  
677 consistent with Re enrichments long before the kimberlite eruption. Altogether, we examine  
678 below the age estimates for five low-opx harzburgites and eleven dunites and megacrysts,  
679  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  in these samples ranges from 0.02 to 0.13 ([Table 2](#)).

680 Uncertainties in Re-Os model ages are also related to the choice of different models for the  
681 hypothetical undifferentiated upper mantle reservoir (Bulk Silicate Earth, BSE) that was  
682 melted to yield residual mantle peridotites. The  $T_{RD}$  and  $T_{MA}$  ages in this study are calculated  
683 with the commonly used primitive upper mantle (PUM or PM) model based on fertile mantle

684 peridotites:  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1296 \pm 0.0008$  (Meisel et al., 2001) and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.435 \pm$   
685  $0.010$  (Becker et al., 2006). An earlier version of this model reported a slightly lower  
686  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  of  $0.1290$  (Meisel et al., 1996).

687 Alternative BSE models are based on the compositions of different groups of chondrites.  
688 Shirey and Walker (1998) reported present-day chondritic reference values of  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}_{\text{ch}} =$   
689  $0.127$  and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}_{\text{ch}} = 0.40186$ . Walker et al. (2002a) showed that carbonaceous  
690 chondrites have a distinctively low average  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ( $0.1262 \pm 0.0006$ ;  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.392$   
691  $\pm 0.015$ ) while enstatite ( $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.421 \pm 0.013$ ;  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1281 \pm 0.0004$ ) and  
692 ordinary ( $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.422 \pm 0.025$ ;  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1283 \pm 0.0017$ ) chondrites overlap with  
693 a mean of  $0.1282$ . The latter value is within error of the Os isotopic composition of  
694 convecting upper mantle deduced from ophiolite chromites ( $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1281 \pm 0.0009$ ;  
695 (Walker et al., 2002b)). If the PUM composition was set via addition of a late veneer of  
696 planetesimals, it appears that the veneer was dominated by ordinary and enstatite chondrites.

697 Incorrect use of the model parameters may lead to erroneous  $T_{\text{RD}}$  and  $T_{\text{MA}}$  values and  
698 considerable confusion in comparison of mantle formation ages, e.g. as shown recently for  
699 xenoliths from Obnazhennaya in the NE Siberian craton (Ionov et al., 2018a). The differences  
700 in  $T_{\text{RD}}$  ages based on contrasting BSE models for  $\geq 3$  Ga old cratonic peridotites may be as  
701 high as  $0.3$  Ga (e.g. Carlson et al., 1999). BSE reference values in some previous Re-Os work  
702 on Udachnaya xenoliths are different from those in this study. Pearson et al. (1995b) used  
703  $^{187}\text{Re}$  decay constant  $= 1.64 \times 10^{-11} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ,  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.397$  and  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.12757$ . Pernet-  
704 Fisher et al. (2015) and Pernet-Fisher et al. (2019) used the chondrite average from Shirey and  
705 Walker (1998) for  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.127$ , but a  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.3935$  (CV3 chondrite Allende ?).  
706 The model ages from these papers were recalculated using the PUM model (Plate 6 of ES1)  
707 for comparison with data in this study. In addition, Table 2 shows  $T_{\text{RD}}$  and  $T_{\text{MA}}$  for samples in  
708 this study calculated with the chondritic model of Shirey and Walker (1998); the differences

709 in model ages using the two BSE models are  $\leq 0.2$  Ga for nearly all the samples (ES1).

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#### 711 5.4. Formation age of refractory lithospheric mantle in the central Siberian craton

712  $T_{RD}$  ages for low-opx harzburgites (1.9–2.1 Ga; average  $2.0 \pm 0.1$  Ga ( $1 \sigma$ )) are manifestly  
713 younger than for dunites and olivine megacrysts (2.4–3.1 Ga; av.  $2.8 \pm 0.2$  Ga) among the 16  
714 low-Re/Os xenoliths in this study deemed most fitting for  $T_{RD}$  age estimates. All these  
715 samples also yield coherent  $T_{MA}$  values, which are slightly older than the  $T_{RD}$  ages, with  $T_{MA}$   
716 averages of  $2.2 \pm 0.3$  Ga for the harzburgites and  $3.2 \pm 0.2$  Ga for the dunites and olivine  
717 megacrysts. By contrast,  $T_{MA}$  for the high-Re/Os samples are very low and usually negative  
718 (Table 2). As discussed in the previous section, we consider that  $T_{RD}$  estimates for such  
719 samples cannot be viewed as robust melt extraction ages because the effects of Re addition by  
720 post-melting processes are too large to be accurately corrected. The  $T_{RD}$  range for all nine  
721 low-opx harzburgites in this study (including four high-Re/Os samples) is much wider (1.5–  
722 2.4 Ga), but the average ( $2.0 \pm 0.3$  Ga) is not very different from that obtained for samples  
723 with low Re/Os alone. Overall, the screening procedure to discard samples with perturbed  
724 Re/Os ratios allows to better constrain the  $T_{RD}$  range for the harzburgites by reducing the data  
725 scatter, and thus to clearly discern it from the  $T_{RD}$  range for the dunites and megacrysts (Figs.  
726 10-12).

727 Previous work on Re-Os dating of Udachnaya peridotite xenoliths reported a much greater  
728 proportion of samples with high Re/Os ratios than in this study, hence potentially more  $T_{RD}$   
729 scatter.  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  in eight coarse peridotites reported by Pearson et al. (1995b) range from  
730 0.23 to 27; four of these samples have  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} \leq 1.5$  and yield Paleoproterozoic  $T_{RD}$  (2.0–  
731 2.2 Ga; av.  $2.1 \pm 0.1$ ) calculated with the PUM model as in this study (Table 6 of ES1). Ionov  
732 et al. (2015b) reported nine coarse harzburgites with  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  from 0.13 to 2.5 and  $T_{RD}$   
733 from 1.4 to 2.2 Ga, and chose six of them as best representing melt extraction ages (2.0–2.2

734 Ga; av.  $2.1 \pm 0.1$  Ga). The data from previous studies overlap the  $T_{RD}$  range for low-opx  
735 harzburgites in this study (1.9–2.1 Ga; av.  $2.0 \pm 0.1$  Ga) obtained on samples with  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$   
736  $\leq 0.126$ , which we consider the best current age estimate for this rock type (Fig. 12a). Overall,  
737 the Paleoproterozoic formation at  $\sim 2$  Ga for coarse harzburgites, which make up the greatest  
738 portion of the refractory protolith of lithospheric mantle beneath Udachnaya, is now firmly  
739 established by several studies and cannot be ignored when discussing the age and history of  
740 the Siberian craton.

741 This study is the first to identify and characterize coarse ( $\leq 5$ –10mm) dunites, as defined in  
742 *Section 4.1*, i.e. distinct from previously reported olivine megacrysts and “megacrystalline  
743 dunites”, among Udachnaya xenoliths. The coarse dunites are hard to tell from low-opx  
744 harzburgites in hand specimens and were identified here using modal and major oxide  
745 abundances. Coarse dunites are nearly impossible to recognize in the field, and can be easily  
746 overlooked. By contrast, megacrystalline xenoliths can be set apart in hand specimens and in  
747 the field based on olivine  $\geq 1$  cm. The  $T_{RD}$  ranges and averages for olivine megacrysts (2.4–  
748 3.0 Ga, av.  $2.6 \pm 0.2$  Ga) and coarse dunites (2.5–3.1 Ga, av.  $2.9 \pm 0.2$  Ga) in this study are  
749 not very different (within  $\sim 1\sigma$  for averages) (Fig. 12a). If these two xenolith types have  
750 different origins and formed in distinct events, their formation may be roughly coeval.

751 The meaning of the ‘isochron’ defined by the megacrystalline xenoliths in Fig. 10b is not  
752 clear. One option could be to ascribe the isochron to an event  $\sim 2.7$  Ga ago that produced a  
753 range of Re/Os ratios in parts of a protolith with an initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  of 0.1069 that have  
754 since developed the  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  values measured in these samples. In such a case, the  
755 formation age of the megacrystalline suite in this study could be  $\sim 2.7$  Ga, not much different  
756 from its average  $T_{RD}$  of  $2.6 \pm 0.2$  Ga (Table 2). However, this isochron age is too uncertain  
757 because of high error ( $\pm 1.2$  Ga) to warrant such an inference.

758 Alternatively, based on model ages in the combined dunite and megacryst population (Fig.



759 12a), they can be grouped in two subsets with much more tightly clustered ages: six samples  
760 with the  $T_{RD}$  range of 2.4–2.7 Ga (av.  $2.6 \pm 0.1$  Ga) and five with the  $T_{RD}$  range of 2.8–3.1 Ga  
761 (av.  $3.0 \pm 0.1$  Ga). Average  $T_{MA}$  estimates for the same xenoliths are  $3.0 \pm 0.2$  Ga and  $3.3 \pm$   
762  $0.1$  Ga. The average  $T_{RD}$  ages in these two clusters are distinct within  $\pm 2\sigma$ , which may imply  
763 that they formed in two distinct Archean events. In such a case, the difference in grain size  
764 between the megacrysts and coarse dunites may not be related to age, and possibly unrelated  
765 to the formation mode of their protoliths.

766 Pearson et al. (1995b) reported Re-Os data on five “megacrystalline peridotites” that have  
767 0.6–2.6 ppb Os,  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  of 0.12–0.97 and  $T_{RD}$  of 1.9–2.8 Ga (re-calculated with the PUM  
768 model, Table 6 of ES1). The  $T_{RD}$  in these samples fall in two groups: ~1.9 Ga and 2.8–3.2 Ga;  
769 the latter range is only slightly higher than for dunites and megacrysts in this study (Fig. 12a).  
770 These results are hard to compare directly with our dataset because they were obtained not on  
771 representative WR samples, like in this study, but on small amounts of material extracted  
772 from xenoliths, for which no other data were reported, except that their  $\text{Mg}\#_{OI}$  range  
773 overlapped that for coarse peridotites from the same suite.

774 Pernet-Fisher et al. (2019) obtained Archean  $T_{RD}$  values (2.5–3.1 Ga, av. =  $2.9 \pm 0.2$  Ga;  
775 re-calculated with the PUM model, Plate 6 of ES1) for pure olivine separated from seven  
776 megacrysts with  $\text{Mg}\# > 0.92$  from Udachnaya, and aberrant  $T_{RD}$  for megacrysts with lower  
777  $\text{Mg}\#$ . The  $T_{RD}$  ranges and averages for the Mg-rich olivine are similar to those for megacrysts  
778 (as well as dunites) in this study (Fig. 12a). By contrast, olivine separated from many  
779 peridotite xenoliths from Udachnaya and Obnazhennaya (Pernet-Fisher et al., 2015) showed  
780 low Os, high Re/Os and invalid Re-Os model ages contrary to the commonly held view that  
781 olivine provides a good measure of whole rock Re-Os systematics in peridotites (see also  
782 Ionov et al., 2015a). The olivine separates from Udachnaya megacrystalline xenoliths have  
783 consistently high Os concentrations as well (Section 5.2), which may suggest that Os in these

784 megacrysts is hosted by micro-inclusions in olivine, which may make them adequate for  $T_{RD}$   
785 estimates, unlike for peridotite xenoliths where much Os may be hosted by intergranular  
786 materials.

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### 788 *5.5. Multi-stage formation of the Siberian craton*

789 This study firmly establishes that various dunites are the oldest peridotites in the mantle  
790 beneath Udachnaya, in addition to earlier work that reported Archean (as well as younger)  
791  $T_{RD}$  ages for olivine megacrysts and samples designated as “megacrystalline dunites” with  
792 unknown modal and bulk chemical compositions (Pearson et al., 1995b; Pernet-Fisher et al.,  
793 2019). To evaluate the role of dunites and megacrystalline olivine in the origin and evolution  
794 of the lithospheric mantle it is important to constrain their abundance and position in the  
795 lithosphere. The dunites and megacrysts in this study come from a broad depth range ( $\leq 120$ –  
796 210 km; Fig. 6) and are not restricted to a particular lithospheric layer. Russian sources cited  
797 by Boyd et al. (1997) estimated the proportion of “megacrystalline peridotites” at ~3% of  
798 Udachnaya xenolith population without specifying how the value was obtained. This estimate  
799 appears to be exaggerated. Shiny, coarse olivine crystals draw more attention than other  
800 xenolith materials and may seem more common. Our field data suggest that dunites and  
801 olivine crystals >2–3 cm in size are very rare in Udachnaya-East kimberlites and much  
802 smaller than xenoliths of other peridotites and eclogites, consistent with the absence of bulk  
803 analyses of “megacrystalline dunites” in the literature. Their mass proportion among mantle  
804 xenoliths may be very low.

805 Boyd et al. (1997) speculated that very coarse peridotites are rare among Udachnaya  
806 xenoliths because they disintegrate during eruption faster than fine-grained rocks. We see no  
807 reason to suppose that “megacrystalline dunites” are less solid than rocks with smaller grain  
808 size or less olivine; the opposite may be true. Fine-grained, sheared peridotites may be

809 abundant among Udachnaya xenoliths not because they are more solid, but because they form  
810 in the vicinity of magma feeders due to interaction with proto-kimberlite melts, hence are  
811 more likely to be captured by the magma when eruption starts (e.g. [Doucet et al., 2014](#)).

812 Because harzburgites are by far the most common type of coarse peridotites among  
813 Udachnaya xenoliths, the main part of the existing mantle lithosphere beneath Udachnaya  
814 formed in the Paleoproterozoic, as previously suggested by [Ionov et al. \(2015b\)](#). This study  
815 offers more precise age estimates for this event constrained by the  $T_{RD}$  range for low-opx  
816 harzburgites ([Table 2](#)): 1.9–2.1 Ga (average  $2.0 \pm 0.1$  Ga) based on the PUM model, and 1.8–  
817 2.0 Ga (average  $1.9 \pm 0.1$  Ga) based on the chondrite model of [Shirey and Walker \(1998\)](#).  
818 Further support for the Paleoproterozoic formation age comes from Lu-Hf model and  
819 isochron ages (1.7–1.9 Ga) reported by [Doucet et al. \(2015\)](#) for cpx-bearing spinel  
820 harzburgites as well as Re-Os dating of sulfide inclusions in diamonds from Udachnaya,  
821 which yield 1.8 Ga isochron ages ([Wiggers de Vries et al., 2013](#)).

822 This study further indicates that, given the predominance of Paleoproterozoic ages for the  
823 most typical lithospheric peridotites from Udachnaya, the rare older components may be relict  
824 materials, i.e. fragments of ancient lithospheric mantle formed in the Archean that were  
825 incorporated into cratonic roots during the final assembly of the central Siberian craton in the  
826 Paleoproterozoic ([Ionov et al., 2015b](#); [Moyen et al., 2017](#)). Our data give new insights into  
827 the earliest lithospheric formation stages in the central Siberian craton.

828 Our preferred interpretation of the Re-Os model ages for the dunites and megacrysts in  
829 this study is that they record two distinct Archean events, one in the Neoproterozoic and the other  
830 one in the early Mesoarchean. The lower age limits for these two events are constrained by  
831 the  $T_{RD}$  values ( $2.6 \pm 0.1$  Ga and  $3.0 \pm 0.1$  Ga) and the upper age limits by the  $T_{MA}$  values ( $3.0$   
832  $\pm 0.2$  Ga and  $3.3 \pm 0.1$  Ga). The mean  $T_{RD}$  ages of  $\sim 2.6$  and  $\sim 3.0$  Ga ([Fig. 12a](#)) may be closer  
833 to true values considering that Re in these highly refractory samples must be dominated by

834 post-melting additions. Model ages calculated using the BSE model of [Walker et al. \(2002a\)](#),  
835 based on ordinary and enstatite chondrites, are only slightly lower with the  $T_{RD}$  of  $2.5 \pm 0.1$   
836 Ga and  $2.9 \pm 0.1$  Ga and the  $T_{MA}$  of  $2.9 \pm 0.1$  Ga and  $3.2 \pm 0.1$  Ga. These two age groups  
837 comprise both coarse dunites and megacrystalline xenoliths suggesting no links between  
838 olivine grain size and age, contrary to speculations in earlier work ([Pearson et al., 1995b](#)).

839 [Sobolev et al. \(1984\)](#) and [Pokhilenko et al. \(1993\)](#) asserted that many megacrystalline  
840 dunites contain diamonds (none has been found in samples from this study). Because diamond  
841 formation in peridotites is commonly linked to metasomatism, the large olivine grain size in  
842 this rock type could be linked to reworking and recrystallization of coarse dunites. Re-Os ages  
843 of sulfide inclusions in Udachnaya diamonds ([Wiggers de Vries et al., 2013](#)) indicate that this  
844 may have happened  $\sim 0.2$  Ga after the major stage of lithospheric formation at 2.0 Ga, which  
845 appears to be a reasonable time for thickening and cooling of initial melting residues to allow  
846 for diamond formation at depths  $\geq 130$  km ([Fig. 6](#)).

847 A prolonged, multi-stage formation of the Siberian lithospheric mantle is consistent with  
848 recent data on crustal basement ages. U-Pb zircon ages for crustal xenoliths from Udachnaya  
849 ([Moyen et al., 2017](#)) show that lower crustal granulites formed in the Proterozoic (1.83–1.87  
850 Ga) whereas tonalities and other upper crustal rocks formed in the Archean (2.71–2.73 Ga).  
851 They inferred that the deep lithosphere beneath Udachnaya did not form in a single Archean  
852 event, but grew in at least two distinct events, first in the late Archean, then in the  
853 Paleoproterozoic when a large-scale delamination and rejuvenation of the Archean lower  
854 crust and lithospheric mantle took place. The crustal xenoliths show no evidence for  
855 Mesoproterozoic crustal formation ([Fig. 12b](#)), and thus do not support mantle melting at  $\sim 1.2$   
856 Ga evoked by [Pernet-Fisher et al. \(2015\)](#).

857 The crustal basement in the central Siberian craton is hidden under a thick sedimentary  
858 cover, but is exposed on the Anabar shield in the north ([KML file](#)), which appears to belong

859 to the same tectonic unit (Daldyn block) as Udachnaya (Rosen, 2002). Zircons in modern  
860 sediments from the Anabar shield (Paquette et al., 2017) define three U-Pb age ranges: 3.0–  
861 3.4 Ga, 2.4–2.8 Ga and 1.8–2.0 Ga, with the youngest event linked to the amalgamation of the  
862 craton by welding of Archean domains. Similar U-Pb ages were obtained for detrital zircons  
863 from Meso- and Neoproterozoic sedimentary basins at the western (2.6–2.5 and 1.9–1.85 Ga)  
864 and NE (2.9–2.7 and 2.1–1.95 Ga) margins of the craton (Priyatkina et al., 2016).

865 To sum up, the U-Pb zircon ages from the crustal basement outline three main stages of  
866 crustal growth in the northern and NE Siberian craton: 3.0–3.4 Ga, 2.4–2.8 Ga and 1.8–2.0  
867 Ga, with the number of zircons increasing from the older to younger ages (Fig. 12b). These  
868 stages overlap the three intervals of lithospheric mantle formation (melt extraction) for  
869 refractory peridotites in this study (Fig. 12a,b). This conclusion is robust relative to the  
870 uncertainties related to Re-Os dating of mantle peridotites, i.e.  $T_{RD}$  versus  $T_{MA}$  ages and the  
871 PUM vs. chondritic BSE composition models. Overall, similarities of U-Pb ages of zircons  
872 from the crustal basement and formation ages of refractory peridotites in this study suggest  
873 temporal coupling, and possibly genetic links, between crust and mantle formation in the  
874 building of the cratonic lithosphere beneath the central Siberian craton (Moyen et al., 2017).

875 An intriguing question, to which we may not have an answer as yet, is if the Udachnaya  
876 dunites have preserved the modal and chemical composition of the original Archean mantle  
877 lithosphere, or alternatively, were extensively modified during its disruption and reworking in  
878 the Paleoproterozoic. The distribution and composition of peridotite xenoliths with Archean  
879 ages at Udachnaya are different from those in the Obnazhennaya kimberlite at the NE margin  
880 of Siberian craton where Paleoproterozoic and Archean peridotites occur in similar  
881 proportions and have similar compositions (Ionov et al., 2015a). On the other hand, the  
882 lithospheric mantle compositions and ages may differ in different parts of the Siberian craton.

883 Another unresolved question is how the minor domains of Archean lithospheric mantle

884 were intercalated with the dominant Proterozoic lithospheric mantle during Siberian craton  
885 assembly. Most likely, the Archean domains (including eclogites (Pearson et al., 1995c))  
886 were thrust into the Proterozoic mantle via complex tectonic displacement of portions of  
887 the lithospheric mantle during Paleoproterozoic orogeny or underplating (Liu et al., 2016;  
888 Wang et al., 2018). Alternatively, the olivine-rich materials in this study could be recycled  
889 fragments of Archean cratonic roots, first delaminated then incorporated in the Proterozoic  
890 lithospheric mantle by upwelling asthenosphere.

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### 892 5.6. *Not all cratonic mantle is Archean*

893 Early Re-Os studies of coarse peridotites from cratons in South Africa and North America  
894 provided mainly Archean  $T_{RD}$  ages (Carlson, 2005; Pearson, 1999) and were seen as evidence  
895 that cratonic lithospheric mantle only formed in the Archean. As a result, the terms ‘Archean’  
896 and ‘craton’ are often considered essentially synonymous, i.e. the lithospheric mantle in all  
897 cratons is presumed to have formed in the Archean. However, data compilations (Doucet et  
898 al., 2015; Wittig et al., 2010b) show that a significant proportion of peridotites from the Slave  
899 and North Atlantic cratons record  $T_{RD}$  ages of 1.8–1.9 Ga matching major crust generation  
900 events in those cratons. The central Siberian craton is the first proven case of a craton whose  
901 lithospheric mantle formed essentially in the Paleoproterozoic (Ionov et al., 2015b),  
902 concomitant with major crust formation or rejuvenation events (Moyen et al., 2017; Paquette  
903 et al., 2017). Lithospheric peridotites at the NE margin of the Siberian craton have both  
904 Archean and Paleoproterozoic ages (Ionov et al., 2015a) (Fig. 12a).

905 Recent Re-Os studies of peridotite xenoliths in kimberlites from Arctic Canada have  
906 provided other examples of cratons with Paleoproterozoic mantle roots. Liu et al. (2018)  
907 reported ~2 Ga  $T_{RD}$  ages for peridotites from diamond-bearing kimberlites at the Parry  
908 Peninsula and Central Victoria Island, whose mineral and whole rock chemistry is

909 indistinguishable from that of typical cratonic mantle lithosphere. Kimberlite-borne peridotite  
910 xenoliths from the central Rae craton (Liu et al., 2016) show both Archean and 2.1–1.7 Ga  
911 ages; the Paleoproterozoic peridotites are interpreted to represent juvenile lithospheric mantle  
912 that replaced and/or mixed with the lower portion of Archean lithospheric mantle to form  
913 thick lithospheric roots extending well into the diamond stability field. Overall, the new data  
914 place the final limit for the formation of cratonic lithosphere with specific modal and  
915 chemical compositions, and the transition from the ‘Archean’ to modern tectonic regimes, at  
916 2.0 Ga, rather than at the Archean-Proterozoic boundary as is commonly thought. By contrast,  
917 we see no robust evidence from appropriate refractory peridotite xenoliths (representative WR  
918 samples, undeformed, high-Mg, low Re/Os) to support speculations (Pernet-Fisher et al.,  
919 2015) on even younger (Mesoproterozoic) melt extraction ages in the lithospheric mantle of  
920 the central Siberian craton (Fig. 12).

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## 922 6. Conclusions

- 923 (1) The Udachnaya kimberlite in the central Siberian craton hosts very rare, small fragments  
924 of previously unreported coarse and sheared dunites as well as megacrystalline xenoliths  
925 (olivine >1–2 cm), equilibrated at 783–1154°C and 3.9–6.5 GPa (~120–220 km).
- 926 (2) The coarse dunites, olivine megacrysts and low-opx harzburgites have similar bulk  
927 variation ranges of Ca, Al, Fe, Cr and Mg# (0.917–0.934) typical of refractory cratonic  
928 peridotites, but the dunites and bulk megacrysts have higher MgO, NiO and Mg/Si<sub>mol</sub>  
929 ratios. Modal abundances and those of Ca and Al are not correlated with Mg#<sub>WR</sub>, and may  
930 not be due to differences in melting degrees.
- 931 (3) Some xenoliths show high <sup>187</sup>Re/<sup>188</sup>Os positively correlated with <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os consistent  
932 with the eruption age of host kimberlite (0.37 Ga). The Os depletions and enrichments in  
933 Re and other incompatible elements may be linked to fluids related to the generation and

934 fractionation of kimberlite liquids that were coeval with, or operated shortly before, the  
935 kimberlite eruption.

936 (4) Robust  $T_{RD}$  ages for 16 low- $^{87}Re/^{188}Os$  (0.02–0.13) xenoliths are distinctly lower for  
937 harzburgites (1.9–2.1 Ga; average  $2.0 \pm 0.1$  Ga) than for dunites and olivine megacrysts  
938 (2.4–3.1 Ga; av.  $2.8 \pm 0.25$  Ga). The dunites and megacrysts define two subsets with  
939 average  $T_{RD}$  of  $2.6 \pm 0.1$  Ga and  $3.0 \pm 0.1$  Ga, and  $T_{MA}$  of  $3.0 \pm 0.2$  Ga and  $3.3 \pm 0.1$  Ga.  
940 The difference in grain size (medium- to coarse-grained dunites vs. megacrystalline  
941 xenoliths) is not related to age. Thus, the dunites or olivine megacrysts could not be  
942 produced by re-melting of harzburgites, nor be melt channel materials in harzburgites.

943 (5) The dunites are relict fragments of lithospheric mantle formed in two Archean events (at  
944 or soon after 2.6 and 3.0 Ga) and incorporated into present mantle lithosphere during the  
945 final assembly of the Siberian craton in the Paleoproterozoic. These formation ages of the  
946 mantle lithosphere are consistent with crustal basement ages from U-Pb dating of zircons.

947 (6) The new data from Siberia and other cratons suggest that the formation of cratonic  
948 lithosphere with specific modal and chemical compositions did not stop at the Archean-  
949 Proterozoic boundary as is commonly thought, but continued in the Paleoproterozoic.

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## 1244 **Figure captions**

1245 **Fig. 1.** Photomicrographs of Udachnaya mantle xenoliths in transmitted plane-polarized light.  
1246 Abbreviations: Ol, olivine; Op, orthopyroxene; Cp, clinopyroxene; Gar, garnet; Sp, spinel. A-  
1247 B: Olivine megacrysts contain inclusions of Op, Sp (B) and Gar. C-F: coarse dunites (Ol  $\leq$ 1  
1248 cm;  $\leq$ 8% Op); pyroxene, garnet and spinel grains are usually small and interstitial (E-F), but



1249 some samples contain Op-Sp±Cp intergrowths (C; breakdown products of garnet or high-T  
1250 Op) and patches enriched in Gar (D; metasomatic products). G-H: low-opx harzburgites (11–  
1251 21% Op) with grain size ranging from medium (G) to coarse (H).

1252 **Fig. 2.** Co-variation plots for modal mineral abundances and  $Mg\#_{WR}$  ( $Mg/(Mg+Fe)_{mol}$  in  
1253 whole-rock samples). Abbreviations: Dun, dunite; Hzb, harzburgite; Opx (Op),  
1254 orthopyroxene; Cpx, clinopyroxene; Gar, garnet;  $r^2$ , linear correlation coefficient. (A) Olivine  
1255 and Opx abundances show a robust ( $r^2 = 0.94$ ) linear correlation for all xenolith types, except  
1256 megacrysts with high modal garnet. For simplicity, megacrystalline dunite Uv83-13 and  
1257 olivine megacrysts are shown as “megacrysts”. (B-F) Abundances of garnet and Cpx show  
1258 the same variation range (from zero to 5–6%) in coarse dunites and low-Opx harzburgites and  
1259 are not correlated (low  $r^2$ ) with modal olivine or  $Mg\#_{WR}$ . The absence of robust correlations  
1260 of modal abundances with  $Mg\#_{WR}$  indicate that they are not caused by melt extraction events,  
1261 and are likely due to metasomatism.

1262 **Fig. 3.** Co-variation plots for major and minor oxides (wt. %) and  $Mg\#$  ( $Mg/(Mg+Fe)_{mol}$ ) in  
1263 whole-rock (WR) xenoliths in this study. The concentrations of oxides hosted mainly by the  
1264 low-abundance garnet, cpx and oxides ( $Al_2O_3$ , CaO,  $Cr_2O_3$ ) are not correlated with  $Mg\#$  and  
1265 show the same range for coarse dunites and harzburgites; the harzburgites can be  
1266 distinguished with  $(Mg/Si)_{mol}$  ratios (B) and the concentrations of MgO, NiO and  $Na_2O$  (e, f)  
1267 that depend on olivine/opx ratios. Olivine megacrysts and megacrystalline dunite Uv83-13  
1268 show lower average concentrations of CaO and  $Al_2O_3$  and higher MgO than coarse dunites.

1269 **Fig. 4.** Co-variation plots of  $Al_2O_3$  vs. FeO (A) and  $SiO_2$  (B) in whole-rock (WR) xenoliths in  
1270 this study (wt. %). Abbreviations are same as in Fig. 2. Also shown are: primitive mantle  
1271 (PM) after [McDonough and Sun \(1995\)](#), and the fields of cratonic peridotite xenoliths  
1272 ([Doucet et al., 2013](#)), fertile off-craton peridotite xenoliths from Vitim and Tariat in central  
1273 Asia ([Ionov et al., 2005](#); [Ionov and Hofmann, 2007](#)), and Horoman massif peridotites that are

1274 residues of low-pressure melting of fertile mantle (Takazawa et al., 2000). Colored lines are  
1275 experimental melting residues of batch (blue) and polybaric (red) fractional melting of fertile  
1276 mantle (Herzberg, 2004). Thick dashed blue lines show 45% of isobaric batch melting; thick  
1277 dashed red lines show 38% of polybaric fractional melting.

1278 **Fig. 5.** Co-variation plots for major oxides, Mg# ( $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe})_{\text{mol}}$ ) and Cr# ( $\text{Cr}/(\text{Cr}+\text{Al})_{\text{mol}}$ ) in  
1279 minerals and whole-rocks, and mineral abundances. The Mg# for silicates are the highest in  
1280 olivine and the lowest in garnet (A). The xenoliths containing much low-Mg# garnet and/or  
1281 ilmenite plot off the linear Mg#<sub>Ol</sub> vs. Mg#<sub>WR</sub> correlation (B). The abundance of garnet is  
1282 proportional to WR Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (C). Literature data for Cr# in coarse garnet peridotites from  
1283 Udachnaya in (D) are from Doucet et al. (2013); samples that plot to the right from the linear  
1284 Cr#<sub>WR</sub> vs. Cr#<sub>Gar</sub> correlation (defined by the earlier work) contain Cr-spinel.

1285 **Fig. 6.** A plot of pressure vs. temperature (P-T) estimates for peridotites in this study (Table  
1286 1). Gar Meg are garnet-bearing megacrysts. Pressure for garnet-free peridotites (smaller  
1287 symbols) is fixed at 3.5 GPa for harzburgites and 4 GPa for dunites. Dunites and olivine  
1288 megacrysts are equilibrated in a broad P range (hence, do not come from a specific depth  
1289 level in the lithosphere) and plot between the 35mW/m<sup>2</sup> and 40mW/m<sup>2</sup> model conductive  
1290 geotherms (Pollack and Chapman, 1977). Also shown are graphite/diamond (G/D) stability  
1291 boundary and mantle adiabats for T<sub>p</sub>=1250°C and 1300°C.

1292 **Fig. 7.** Primitive mantle-normalized (McDonough and Sun, 1995) patterns for the REE  
1293 (left column) and lithophile trace elements (right column) in whole-rock (WR) samples in this  
1294 study. Blue lines are olivine megacrysts, red lines are coarse dunites, continuous grey lines  
1295 are low-opx harzburgites, dashed grey lines are high-opx harzburgites. Dark-grey fields are  
1296 for Udachnaya kimberlites (Kamenetsky et al., 2012). Light-grey fields in plots for coarse  
1297 dunites outline the data for harzburgites.

1298 **Fig. 8.** (a) Primitive mantle-normalized (McDonough and Sun, 1995) REE patterns for

1299 garnets in this study (blue lines, olivine megacrysts; red lines, coarse dunites; grey lines are  
1300 low-opx harzburgites, dashed grey line is garnet 565-10 low in LREE-MREE. Fields in (B-C)  
1301 outline the data for olivine megacrysts.

1302 **Fig. 9.** Primitive mantle-normalized patterns for PGE (Becker et al., 2006) and Re (Meisel  
1303 et al., 2001) in olivine megacrysts (A), coarse dunites (B) and low-opx harzburgites (C) in  
1304 this study. Dashed lines in (B) and (C) are for peridotites with low Os (<0.04 ppb) and/or high  
1305 Re ( $\geq 0.3$  ppb).

1306 **Fig. 10.** Plots of  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  vs.  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  for samples in this study. (A) Taken together  
1307 (except for sheared dunite 48-12), the 23 xenoliths define a positive linear correlation with a  
1308 slope corresponding to an age of  $0.37 \pm 0.12$  Ga ( $2\sigma$ ), identical to the eruption age of host  
1309 kimberlite, and initial  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1127 \pm 0.0026$ . Sample 48-12 with aberrantly high  
1310  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  (0.44) and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  (40.7) values plots close to the extension of this isochron  
1311 trend. (B) Harzburgites show higher  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios than dunites and megacrysts in the  
1312 subset of xenoliths that show no Os depletions and/or Re enrichments. The four olivine  
1313 megacrysts and megacrystalline dunite 83-13 define an ‘isochron’ (green line) with an  
1314 apparent  $2.7 \pm 1.2$  Ga age and an  $0.1069 \pm 0.0017$  initial, but the uncertainty of this estimate  
1315 is too high, and the data are too few, to argue that these samples have a common origin or  
1316 differ in age from coarse dunites.

1317 **Fig. 11.** Plots of olivine (A) and orthopyroxene (B) abundances vs. model Re-depletion Os  
1318 isotope ages ( $T_{\text{RD}}$ ) for appropriate xenoliths in this study (excepting those with  $\leq 0.04$  ppb Os).  
1319 The  $T_{\text{RD}}$  ages are calculated relative to primitive mantle (PM):  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1296$  (Meisel  
1320 et al., 2001),  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.4353$  (Becker et al., 2006) and  $\lambda^{187}\text{Re} = 1.666 \times 10^{-11} \text{ a}^{-1}$  (Smoliar  
1321 et al., 1996). Re-enriched samples (Re/Os close to or higher than in PM, hence uncertain  $T_{\text{RD}}$ )  
1322 are shown as empty symbols. Continuous straight lines show linear correlations of the robust  
1323  $T_{\text{RD}}$  values (samples with low Re/Os) with modal abundances for individual rock types: (i)

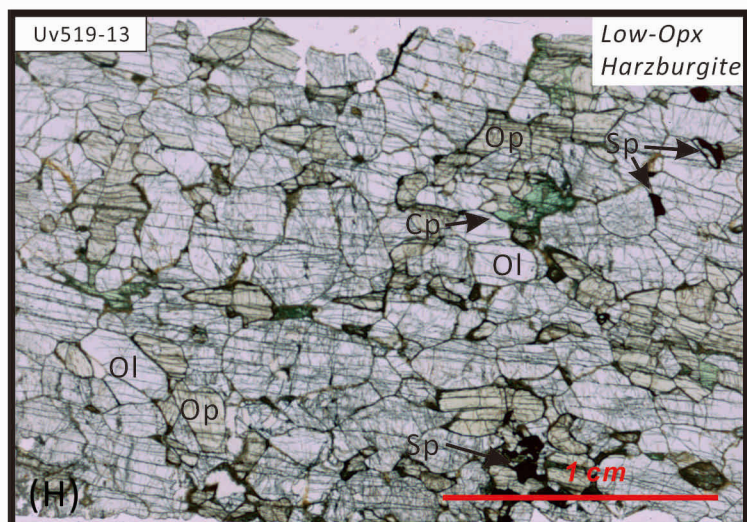
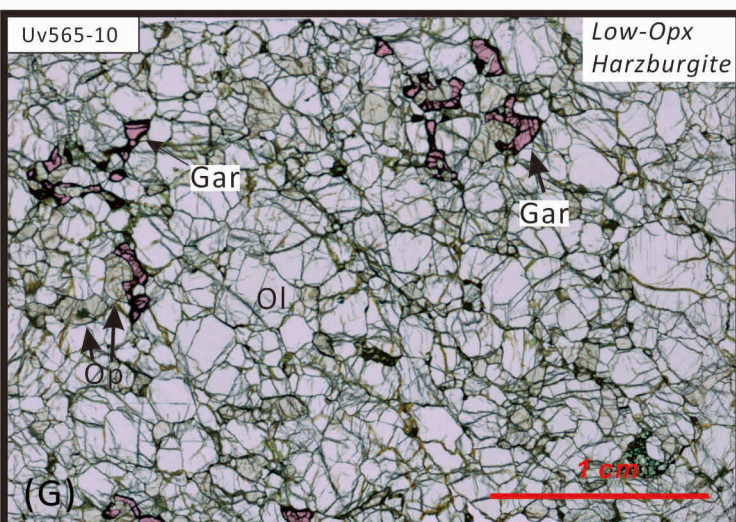
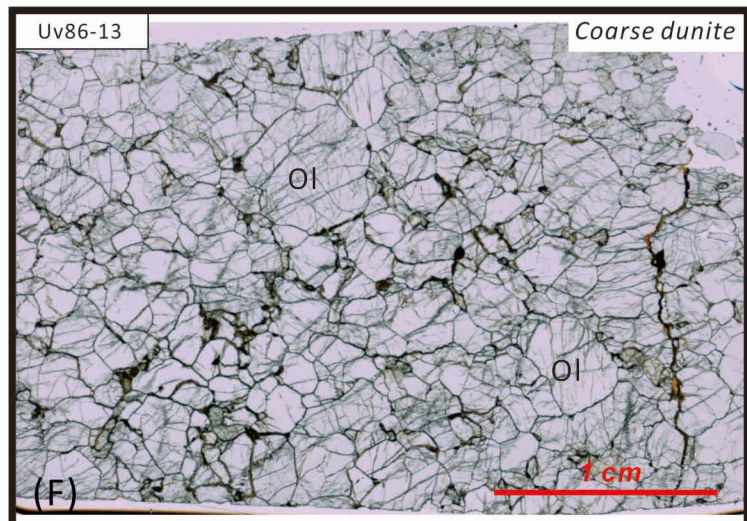
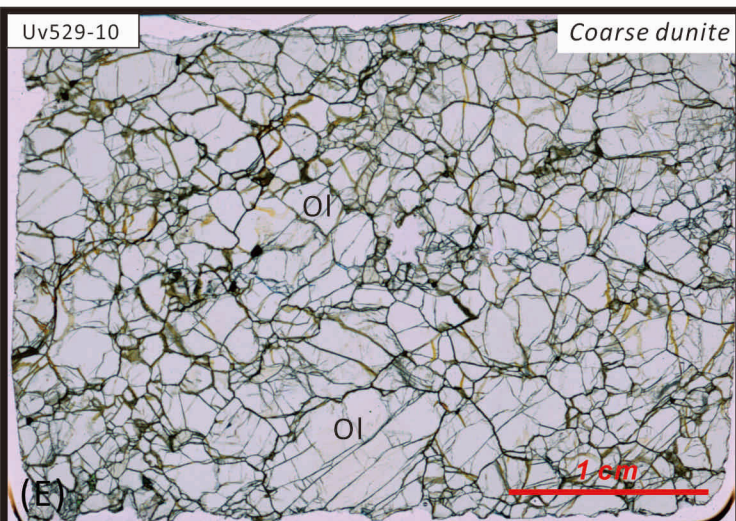
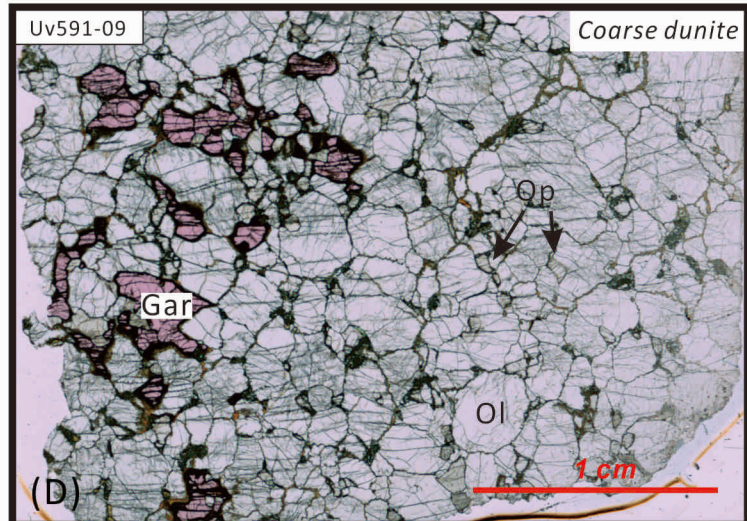
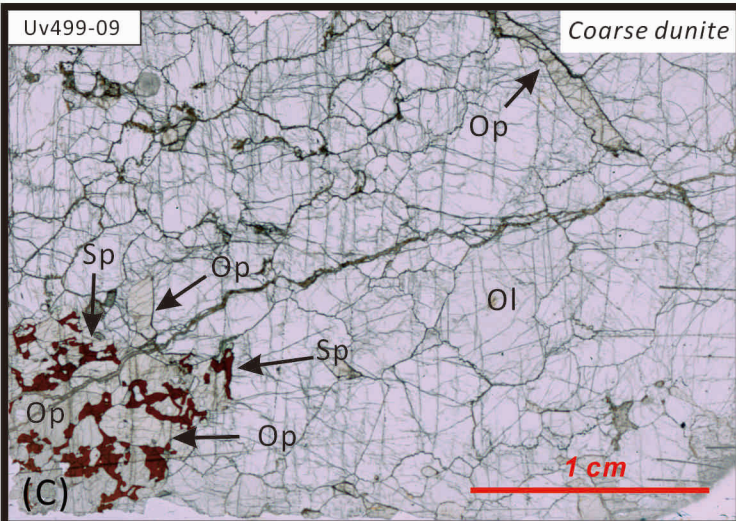
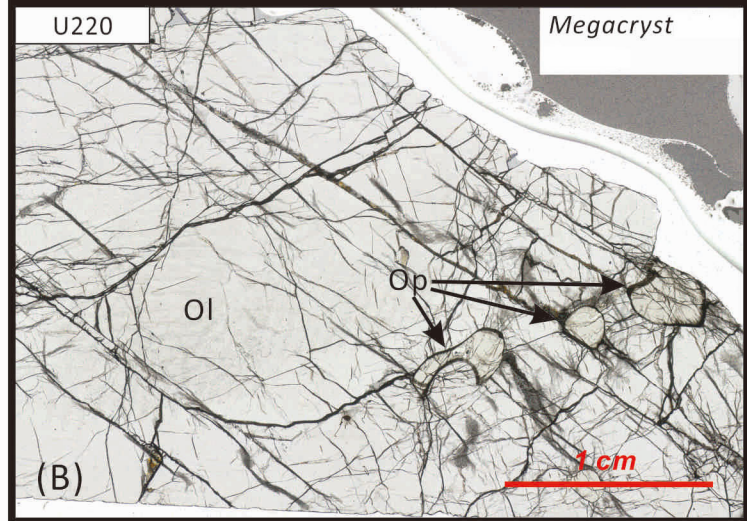
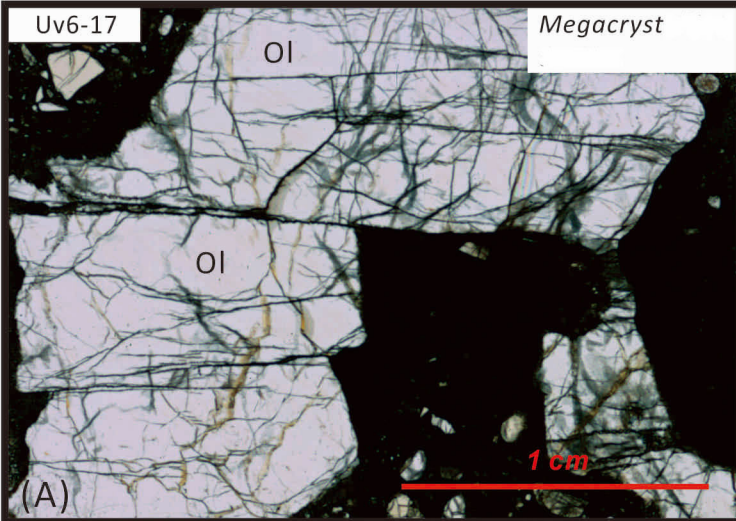
1324 harzburgites (triangles) and (ii) dunites (red circles) grouped with olivine megacrysts (green  
1325 circles). Thin dashed lines show linear correlations of the  $T_{RD}$  with modal abundances for all  
1326 the xenoliths. The  $T_{RD}$  seem to be correlated with modal olivine and opx when all the  
1327 xenoliths are treated as a single statistical sample (correlation factors  $r^2 \sim 0.6-0.7$ ). However,  
1328 these seeming correlations are artefacts of combining distinct xenolith types in a single  
1329 statistical population because the  $T_{RD}$  show opposite correlation trends for individual rock  
1330 types (or no correlation, with  $r^2$  close to zero, if samples with high Re/Os are included).  
1331 Overall, the plots reflect bimodal age distribution: Paleoproterozoic for harzburgites and  
1332 mainly Archean for dunites and olivine megacrysts. This observation, together with the lack  
1333 of correlation of the modal abundances with Mg# (Fig. 2 D-F) confirms that the  $T_{RD}$  are not  
1334 controlled by gradual differences in modal and chemical compositions or melting degrees.

1335 **Fig. 12.** Cumulative probability distribution (Gaussian plots) for Re-depletion Os isotope  
1336 ages ( $T_{RD}$ ) of mantle xenoliths from the Siberian craton (A) and for U-Pb ages of zircons from  
1337 its Precambrian crustal basement (B). (A) The  $T_{RD}$  ages for xenoliths in this study (except Os-  
1338 depleted and/or Re-enriched samples): red, coarse dunites; green, olivine megacrysts; blue,  
1339 low-opx harzburgites. Also shown are literature data for peridotite xenoliths from Udachnaya  
1340 (Ionov et al., 2015b) and Obnazhennaya (Ionov et al., 2015a), and for high-Mg# olivine  
1341 megacrysts from Udachnaya (Pearson et al., 1995b; Pernet-Fisher et al., 2019) re-calculated  
1342 with the PM BSE model (dotted line). The lines are obtained by summing the probability  
1343 distributions of a suite of data with normally-distributed errors.  $T_{RD}$  uncertainties (standard  
1344 deviation,  $\sigma$ ) are calculated using the error transfer function; the peak widths are scaled by the  
1345 uncertainty of each analysis. The  $T_{RD}$  uncertainties of  $2\sigma$  are used for the Udachnaya data and  
1346 of  $4\sigma$  for the Obnazhennaya data to smooth the plots. (B) Combined U-Pb age data for zircons  
1347 from crustal xenoliths ( $n = 487$ ) in the Udachnaya kimberlite (Moyen et al., 2017), detrital  
1348 zircons from the Anabar shield ( $n = 479$ ) north of Udachnaya (Paquette et al., 2017) and from

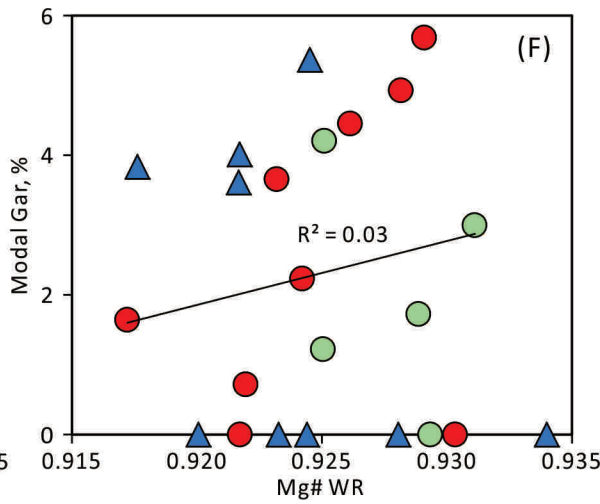
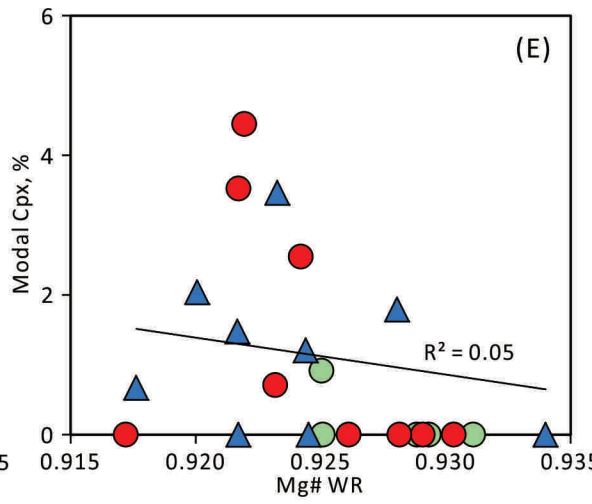
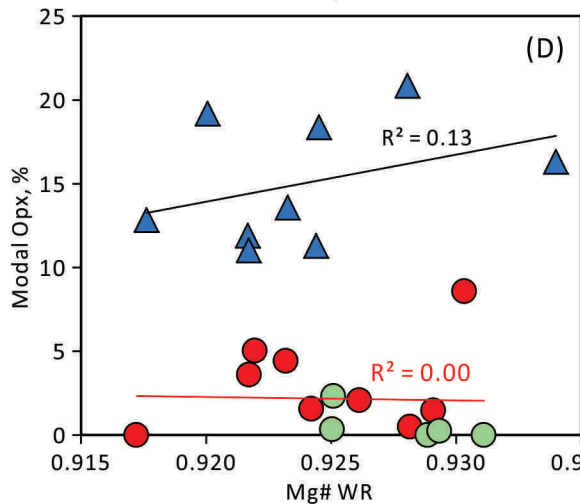
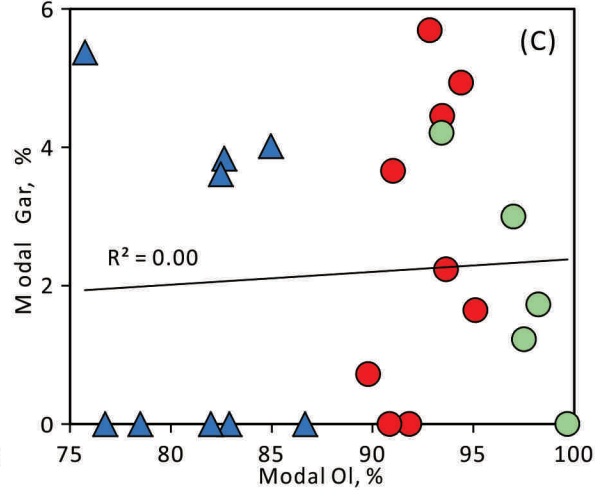
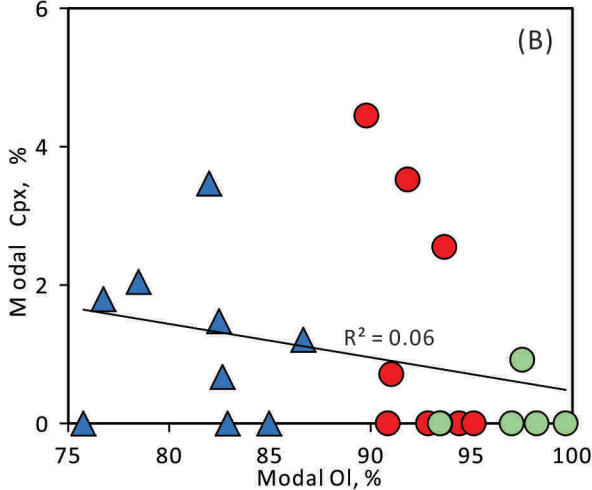
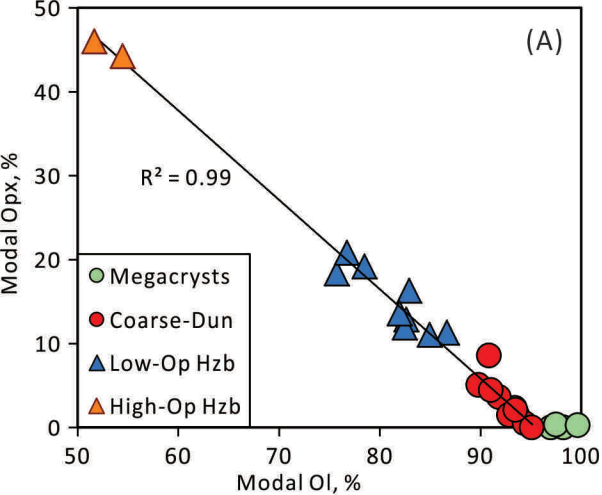
1349 nearby Meso- and Neoproterozoic sediments (n = 814) ([Priyatkina et al., 2016](#)).

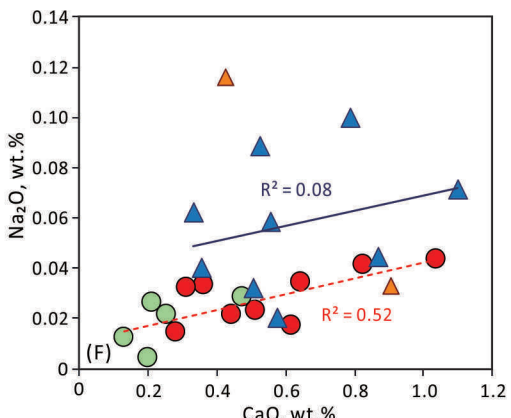
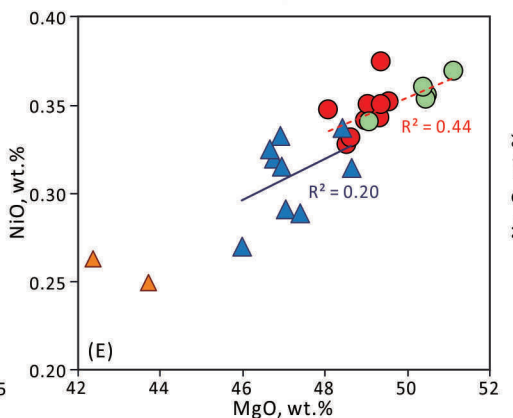
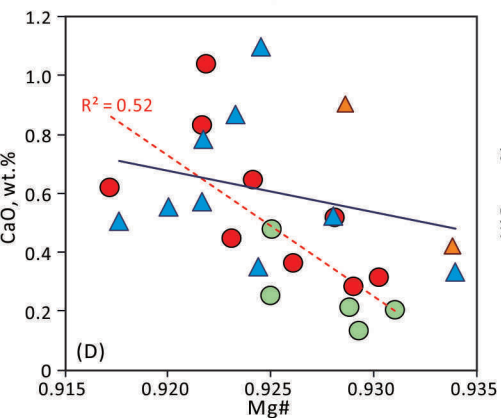
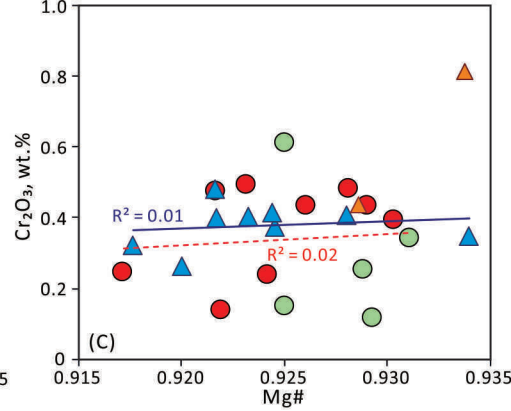
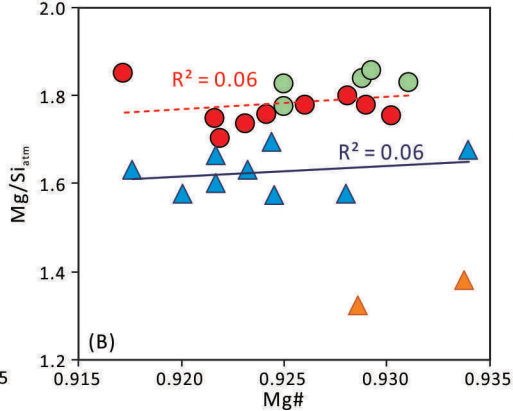
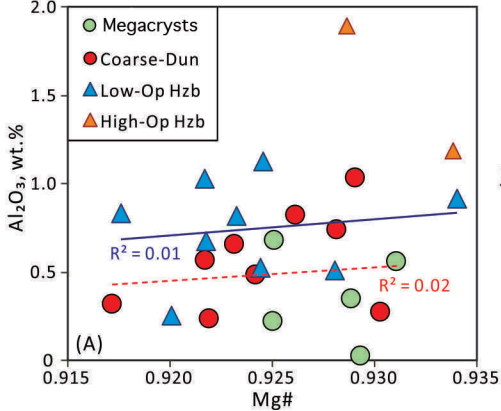
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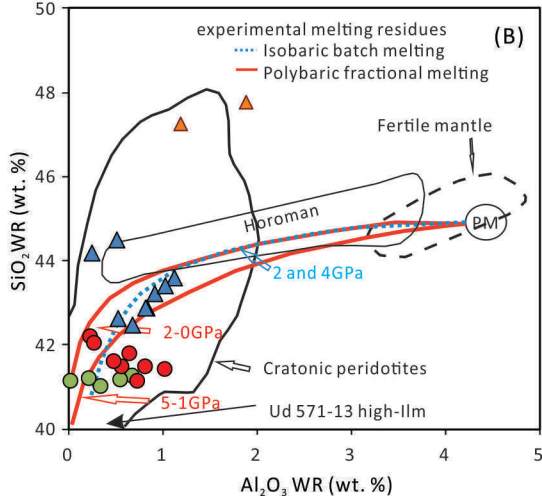
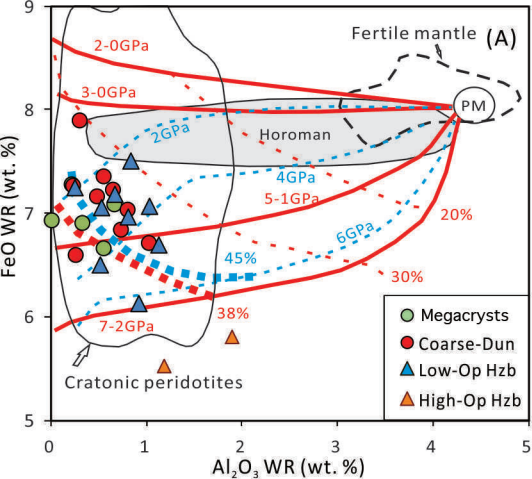


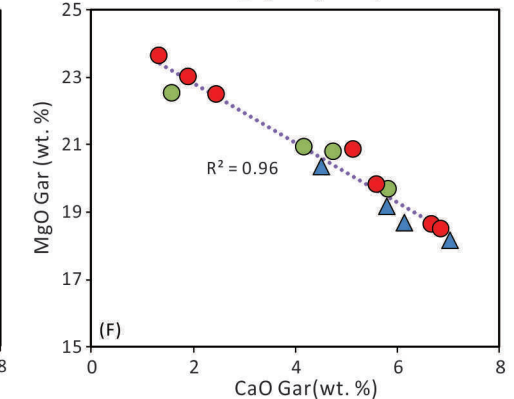
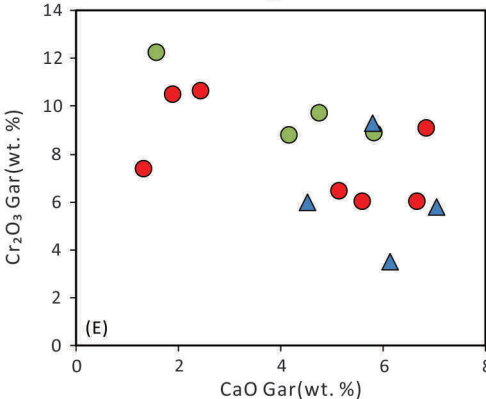
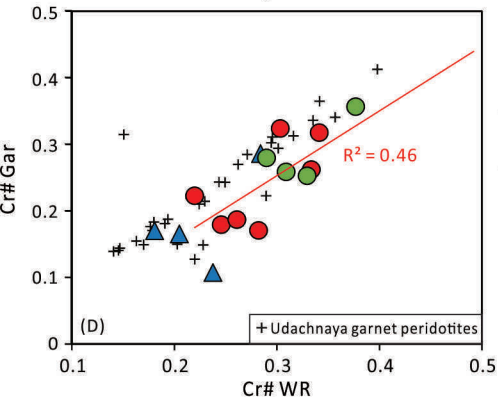
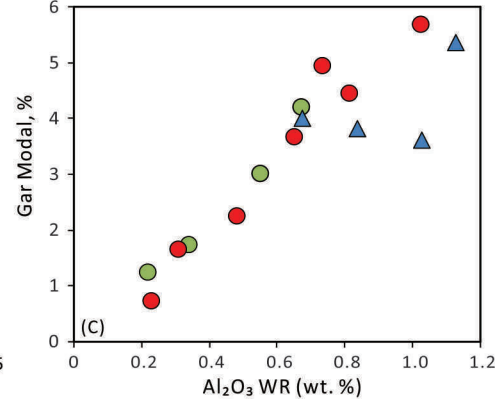
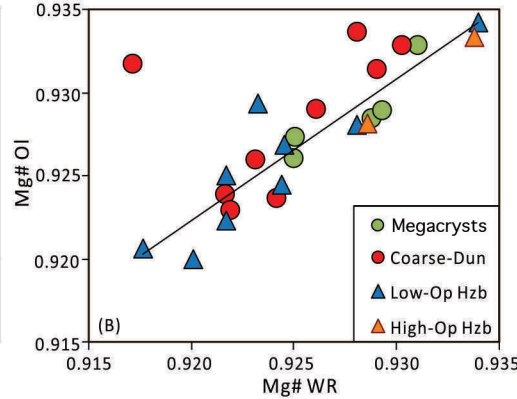
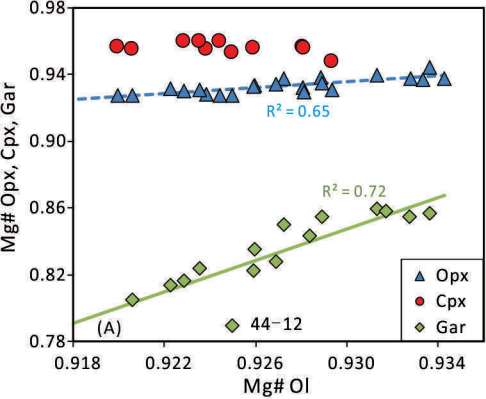


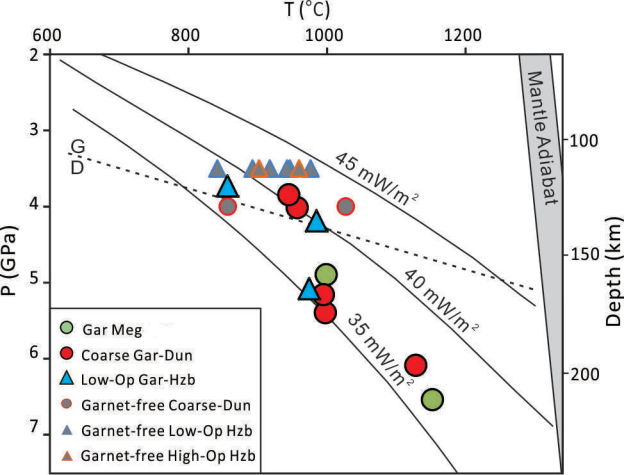


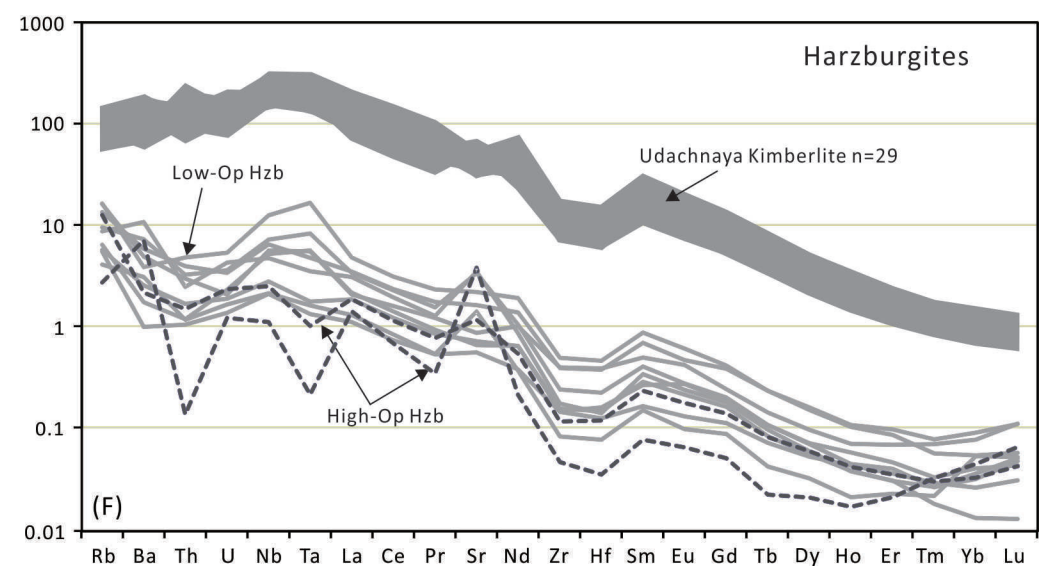
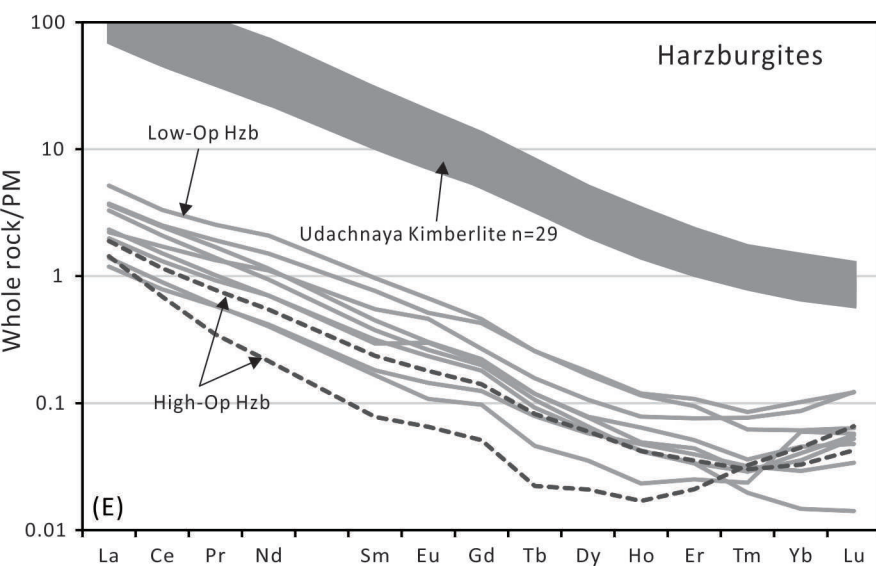
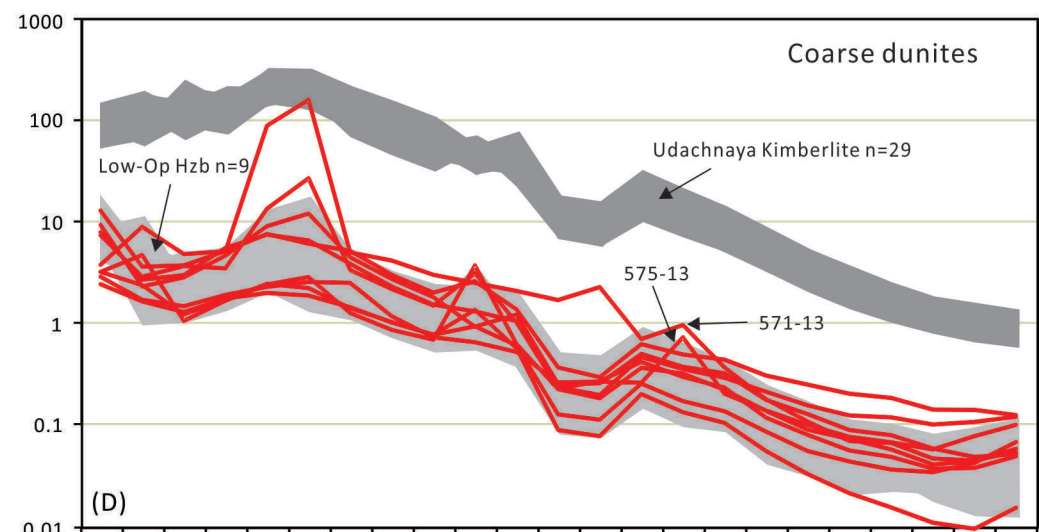
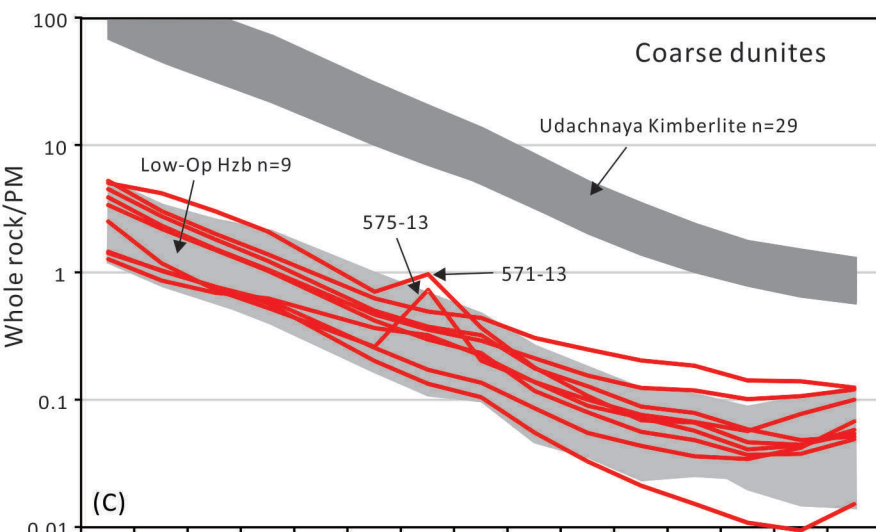
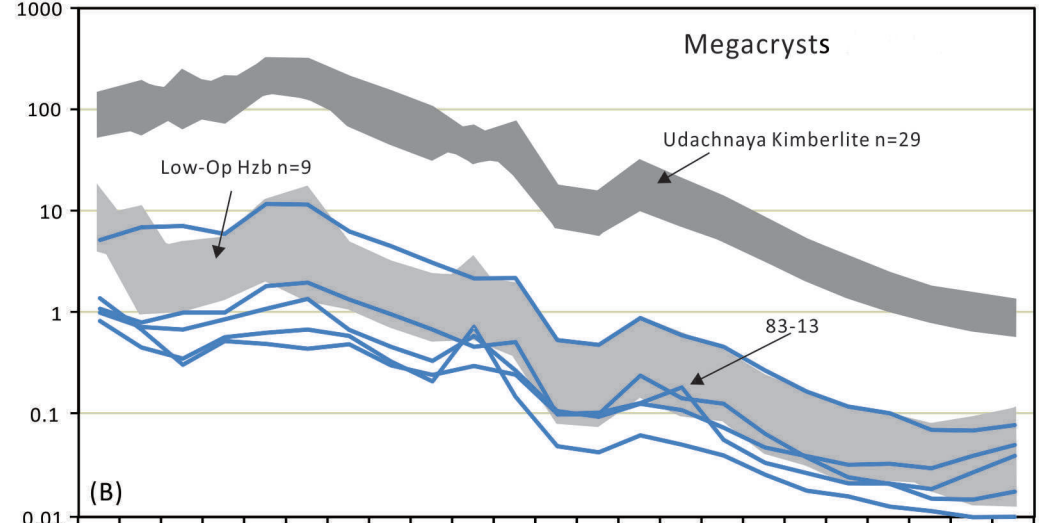
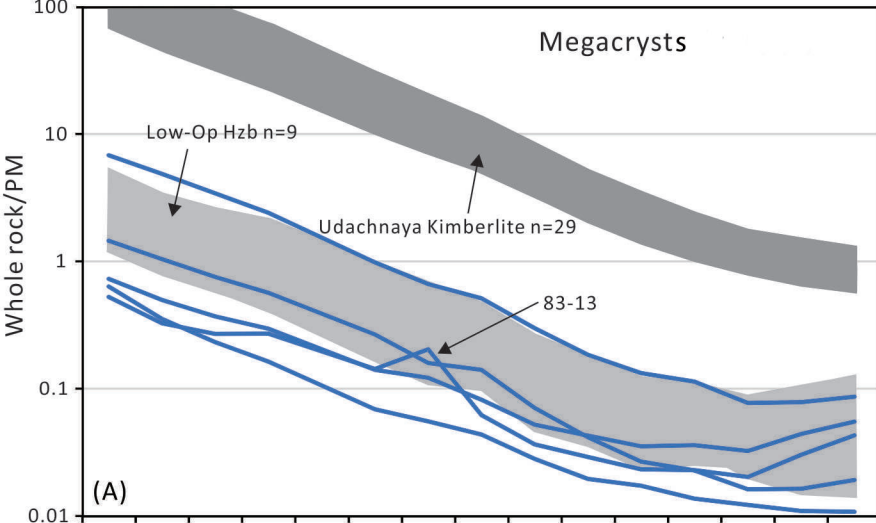


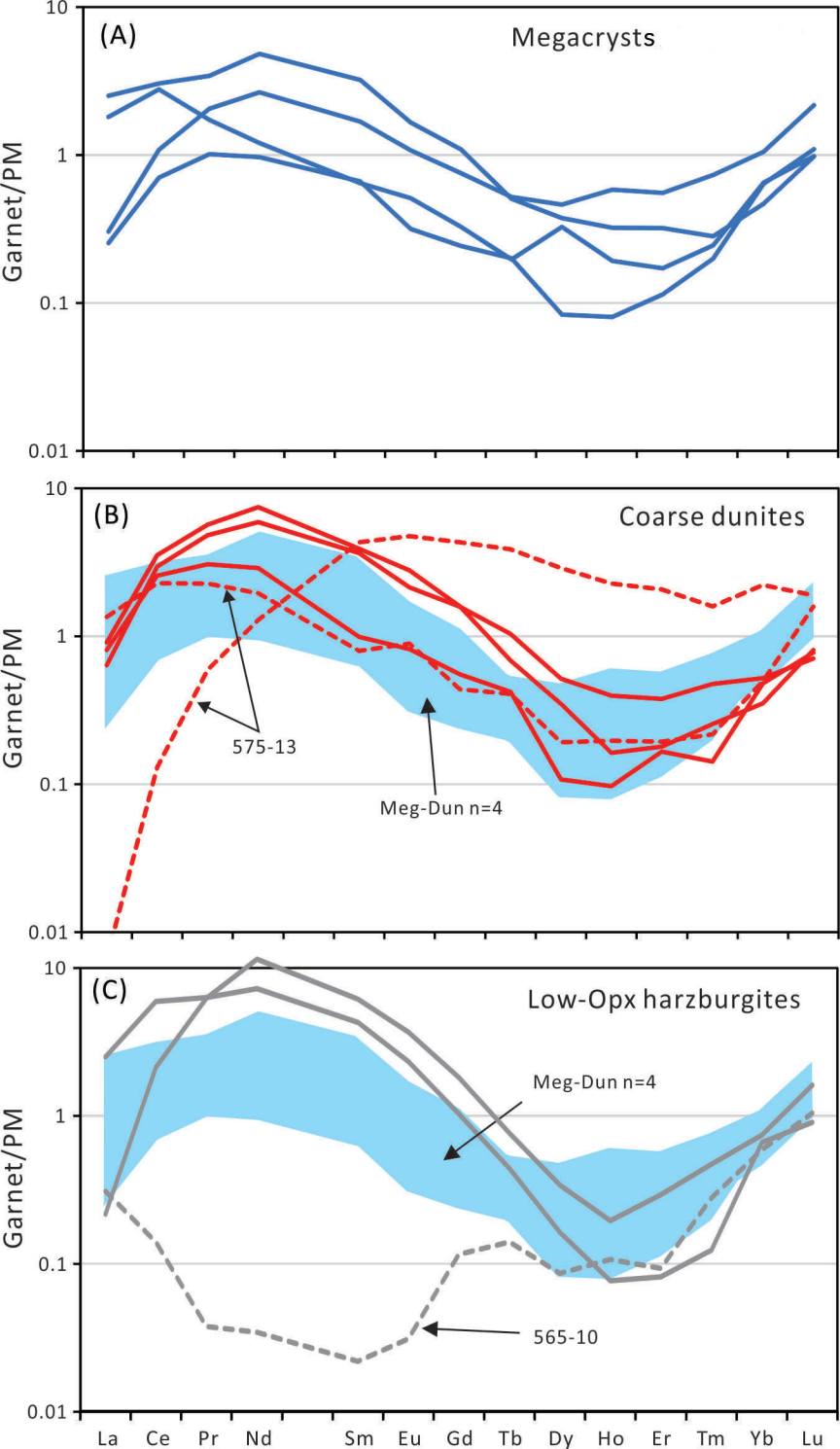


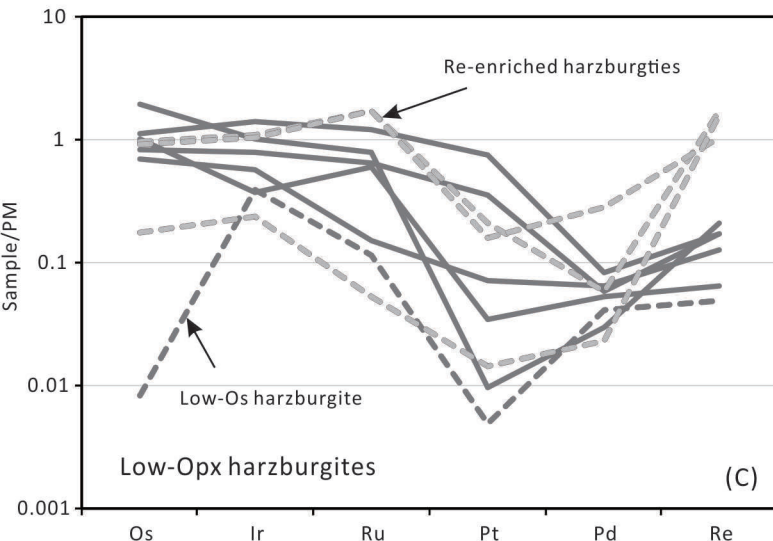
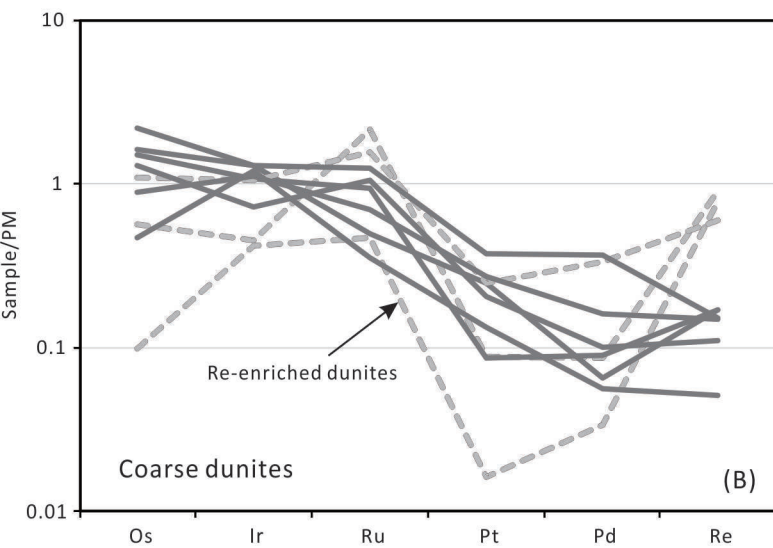
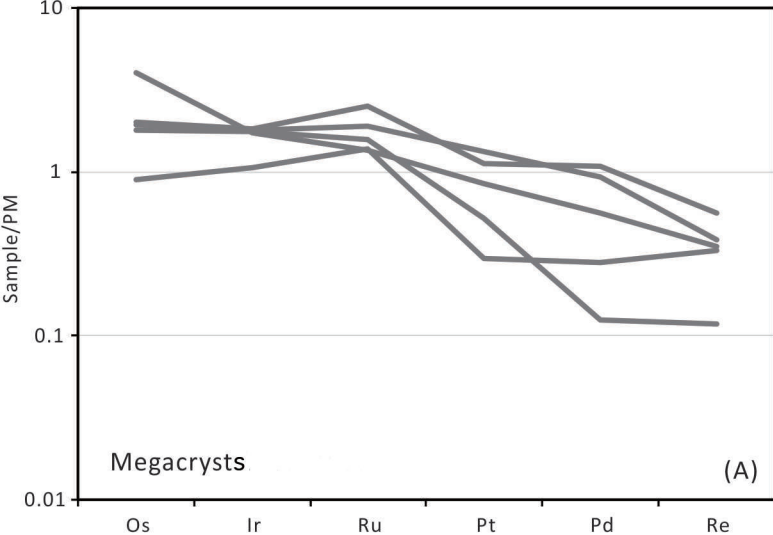


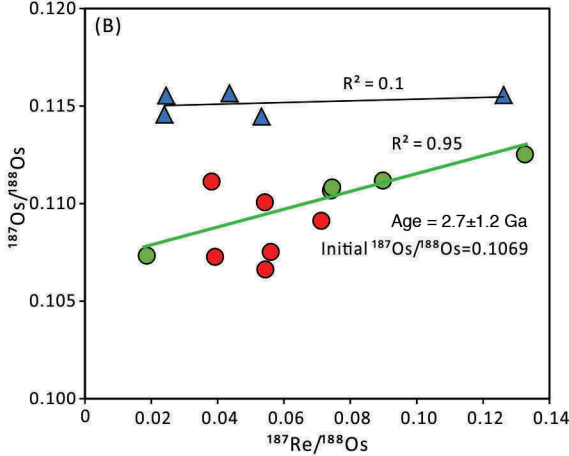
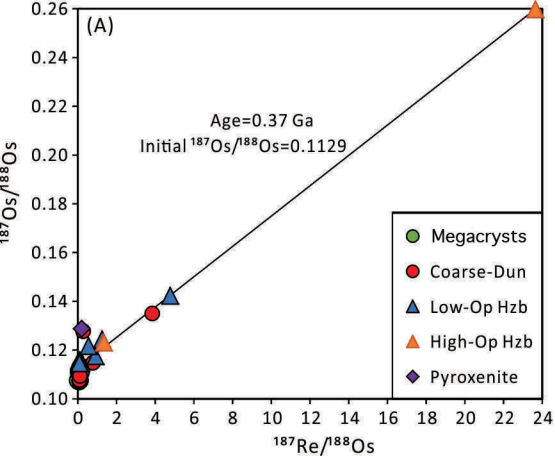


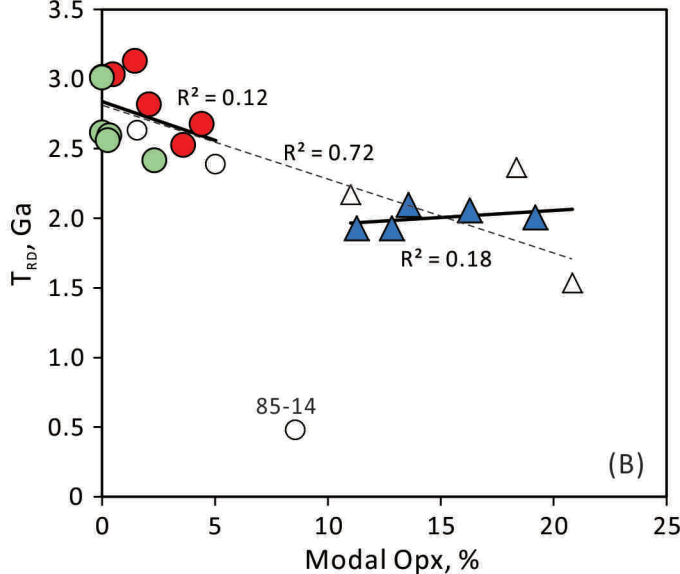
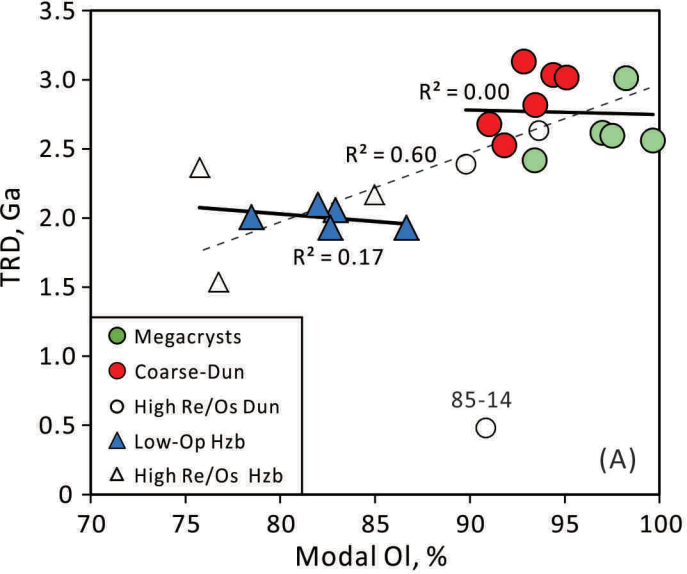














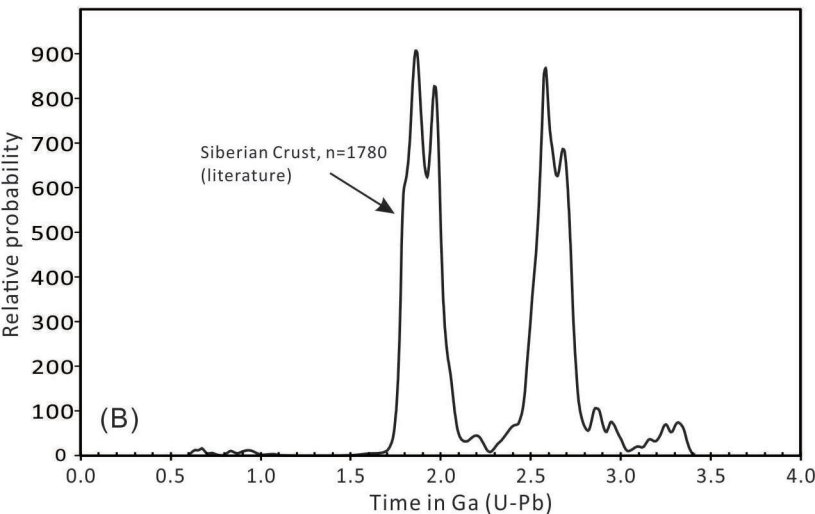
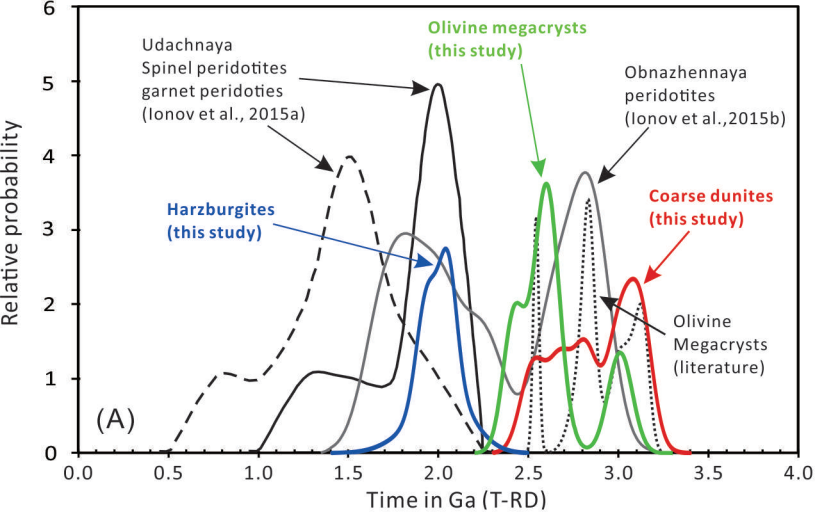


Table 1. Summary of petrologic data for samples in this study

Sample number	WR g	P GPa	T °C	WR composition, wt. %			Mg# Ol	Cr# Spl	Modal composition					
				Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CaO	Mg#			Ol	Opx	Cpx	Gar	Spl	Ilm
Olivine megacrysts, and megacrystalline dunite Uv83-13														
U220	93	6.5	1154 <sup>d</sup>	0.68	0.47	0.925	0.927	0.90	93	2.3	-	4.2	0.04	-
Uv95-03	71	-	-	0.34	0.21	0.929	0.928	0.86	98	-	-	1.7	0.03	-
Uv83-13	34	-	-	0.55	0.20	0.931	0.933	-	97	-	-	3.0	-	-
Uv569-13	32	4.9	1000 <sup>c</sup>	0.22	0.25	0.925	0.926	-	98	0.3	0.9	1.2	-	-
Uv06-17	68	-	-	0.02	0.13	0.929	0.929	0.89	100	0.3	-	-	0.08	-
<i>Averages</i>				<i>0.36</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.928</i>	<i>0.929</i>	<i>0.88</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>0.6</i>		<i>2.0</i>		
Coarse dunites														
Uv499-09	93	(4.0)	1028 <sup>a</sup>	0.56	0.83	0.922	0.924	0.48	92	3.6	3.5	-	1.0	-
Uv591-09	134	4.0	958 <sup>a</sup>	0.23	1.04	0.922	0.923	-	90	5.0	4.4	0.7	-	-
Uv529-10	145	5.4	999 <sup>c</sup>	0.66	0.44	0.923	0.926	0.85	91	4.4	0.7	3.7	0.2	-
Uv86-13	145	3.9	946 <sup>a</sup>	0.48	0.65	0.924	0.924	-	94	1.6	2.5	2.2	-	-
Uv250-13	71	6.1	1130 <sup>d</sup>	1.03	0.28	0.929	0.931	-	93	1.5	-	5.7	-	-
Uv308-13	144	5.2	996 <sup>d</sup>	0.74	0.51	0.928	0.934	0.89	94	0.5	-	4.9	0.2	-
Uv571-13	16	-	-	0.31	0.62	0.917	0.932	-	95	-	-	1.6	-	3.2
Uv575-13	63	4.6	783 <sup>c</sup>	0.82	0.36	0.926	0.929	-	93	2.1	-	4.5	-	-
Uv85-14	116	(4.0)	857 <sup>c</sup>	0.27	0.31	0.930	0.933	0.64	91	8.6	-	-	0.6	-
<i>Averages</i>				<i>0.57</i>	<i>0.56</i>	<i>0.925</i>	<i>0.928</i>	<i>0.71</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>2.6</i>		
Sheared dunite														
Uv48-12	44	-	-	0.09	0.48	0.869	0.867	-	99	-	0.5	-	-	-
Low-opx harzburgites														
Uv542-09	142	(3.5)	842 <sup>c</sup>	0.9	0.3	0.934	0.934	0.30	83	16	-	-	0.8	-
Uv615-09	77	3.7	857 <sup>d</sup>	1.13	1.10	0.925	0.927	0.78	76	18	-	5.4	0.3	0.2
Uv565-10	247	4.2	986 <sup>a</sup>	0.84	0.50	0.918	0.921	-	83	13	0.7	3.8	-	-
Uv586-10	124	(3.5)	918 <sup>c</sup>	0.25	0.55	0.920	0.920	0.71	78	19	2.0	-	0.3	-
Uv149-11	78	(3.5)	893 <sup>c</sup>	0.51	0.52	0.928	0.928	0.56	77	21	1.8	-	0.6	-
Uv44-12	147	(3.5)	977 <sup>a</sup>	1.03	0.57	0.922	0.925	0.67	82	12	1.5	3.6	0.5	-
Uv03-13	177	(3.5)	947 <sup>c</sup>	0.52	0.35	0.924	0.924	0.47	87	11	1.2	-	0.9	-
Uv63-13	195	5.1	975 <sup>d</sup>	0.7	0.8	0.922	0.922	-	85	11	-	4.0	-	-
Uv519-13	215	(3.5)	943 <sup>a</sup>	0.82	0.87	0.923	0.929	0.40	82	14	3.5	-	1.0	-
<i>Averages</i>				<i>0.74</i>	<i>0.62</i>	<i>0.924</i>	<i>0.926</i>	<i>0.56</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>0.49</i>	
Opx-rich harzburgites														
Uv101-11	109	(3.5)	961 <sup>b</sup>	1.89	0.91	0.929	0.928	0.28	52	46	1.9	-	0.3	-
Uv76-13	223	(3.5)	903 <sup>c</sup>	1.19	0.42	0.934	0.933	0.52	55	44	-	-	1.2	-
<i>Averages</i>				<i>1.54</i>	<i>0.66</i>	<i>0.931</i>	<i>0.931</i>	<i>0.40</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>45</i>			<i>0.8</i>	
Olivine orthopyroxenite														
Uv194-13	120	(2.5)	798 <sup>c</sup>	1.82	0.64	0.931	0.931	0.54	21	77	-	-	1.2	-

WR, whole rock (the mass of xenolith material crushed to obtain WR samples is provided). Modal compositions are given normalized to 100% (see text). Ol, olivine; Opx, orthopyroxene; Cpx, clinopyroxene; Gar, garnet; Spl, spinel; Ilm, ilmenite; P, pressure (GPa); T, temperature (°C). Pressure estimated with Opx-Gar method of [Nickel and Green \(1985\)](#); values for garnet-free rocks (in parentheses) estimated using P values for samples with similar T's (3.5 or 4.0 GPa). Mineral pairs and methods used for temperature estimates: (a) Cpx-Opx ([Taylor, 1998](#)); (b) Ca-in-Cpx ([Nimis and Taylor, 2000](#)); (c) Ca-in-Opx ([Brey and Kohler, 1990](#)) corrected as in [Nimis and Grutter \(2010\)](#); (d) Opx-Gar ([Nimis and Grutter, 2010](#)).

Table 2. Abundances of PGE and Re,  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  and  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios, and model age estimates.

N°S	Mg#	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Os	Ir	Ru	Pt	Pd	Re	$^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$	$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$	$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$	$^{PM}T_{RD}$	$^{PM}T_{MA}$	$^{ch}T_{RD}$	$^{ch}T_{MA}$
	wr	wr, %	ppb	ppb	ppb	ppb	ppb	ppb			0.36 Ga	Ga	Ga	Ga	Ga
<i>Olivine megacrysts and megacrystalline dunite</i>															
U220	0.925	0.68	7.9	5.0	11.1	7.9	5.6	0.22	0.133	0.11252	0.11172	2.4	3.3	2.3	3.2
Uv95-03	0.929	0.34	6.9	7.6	11.3	6.3	1.3	0.03	0.019	0.10734	0.10723	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.0
Uv83-13	0.931	0.55	3.5	3.6	11.1	2.3	2.1	0.05	0.074	0.11067	0.11023	2.6	3.1	2.5	3.0
Uv569-13	0.925	0.22	15.8	5.0	10.0	9.5	5.0	0.24	0.074	0.11083	0.11038	2.6	3.0	2.5	2.9
Uv06-17	0.929	0.02	7.6	6.1	16.9	7.9	6.6	0.14	0.090	0.11118	0.11064	2.6	3.1	2.5	3.0
Averages	0.928	0.36	8.3	5.5	12.1	6.8	4.1	0.14				2.6	3.1	2.5	3.0
<i>Coarse dunites</i>															
Uv499-09	0.922	0.56	8.6	3.8	7.3	2.5	2.2	0.07	0.038	0.11113	0.11090	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.6
Uv591-09*	0.922	0.23	0.4	7.6	11.0	0.3	0.3	0.30	3.815	0.13489	0.11194	(2.4)	0.1	(2.3)	
Uv529-10	0.923	0.66	1.8	2.4	1.5	0.8	0.3	0.02	0.054	0.11007	0.10975	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.9
Uv86-13*	0.924	0.48	2.2	2.2	9.8	0.9	0.6	0.35	0.749	0.11461	0.11010	(2.6)		(2.5)	
Uv250-13	0.929	1.03	6.3	5.0	4.6	2.4	0.9	0.07	0.054	0.10663	0.10630	3.1	3.5	3.0	3.4
Uv308-13	0.928	0.74	5.0	3.0	9.5	1.9	2.2	0.04	0.039	0.10727	0.10704	3.0	3.3	2.9	3.2
Uv571-13	0.917	0.31	5.9	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.07	0.056	0.10752	0.10719	3.0	3.4	2.9	3.3
Uv575-13	0.926	0.82	3.5	14.4	15.8	13.0	7.7	0.05	0.071	0.10912	0.10869	2.8	3.3	2.7	3.2
Uv85-14**	0.930	0.27	4.3	3.0	8.6	2.0	2.6	0.22	0.244	0.12758	0.12611	(0.5)	0.6	(0.5)	
Averages	0.925	0.57	4.2	5.2	8.5	3.0	2.1	0.13				2.8	3.2	2.8	3.1
<i>Sheared dunite</i>															
Uv48-12*	0.869	0.09	0.02	0.03	0.27	0.25	0.30	0.15	40.7	0.4398	0.19480				
<i>Low-opx harzburgites</i>															
Uv542-09	0.934	0.92	4.0	4.0	5.6	0.3	0.3	0.02	0.024	0.11457	0.11443	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.0
Uv615-09*	0.925	1.13	3.7	3.9	7.2	0.9	0.4	0.68	0.879	0.11739	0.11211	(2.4)		(2.2)	
Uv565-10	0.918	0.84	3.3	3.7	11.6	2.0	2.7	0.02	0.025	0.11553	0.11539	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.9
Uv586-10	0.920	0.25	4.3	9.7	14.5	10.4	0.8	0.11	0.126	0.11556	0.11480	2.0	2.7	1.9	2.5
Uv149-11*	0.928	0.51	3.6	3.9	12.2	1.5	2.1	0.39	0.527	0.12149	0.11832	(1.5)		(1.3)	
Uv44-12*	0.922	1.03	0.03	0.21	0.55	0.15	0.25	0.01	1.22	0.12423	0.11690	(1.7)		(1.5)	
Uv03-13	0.869	0.09	2.7	2.7	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.02	0.044	0.11565	0.11539	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.0
Uv63-13*	0.922	0.68	0.7	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.68	4.75	0.14219	0.11359	(2.2)	0.2	(2.0)	
Uv519-13	0.923	0.82	7.5	4.2	12.4	0.1	0.3	0.08	0.053	0.11446	0.11414	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.2
Averages	0.918	0.70	3.7	3.7	7.2	1.8	0.9	0.22				2.0	2.3	1.9	2.1
<i>Opx-rich harzburgites</i>															
Uv101-11*	0.929	1.89	0.04	0.34	2.24	0.14	0.46	0.01	1.305	0.12295	0.11510	2.0		(2.0)	
Uv76-13*	0.934	1.19	0.01	0.03	2.08	0.09	0.30	0.04	23.66	0.2600	0.11764	1.6	0.3	(1.6)	
<i>Olivine orthopyroxenite</i>															
Uv194-13	0.931	1.82	2.3	4.8	25.4	39.7	2.5	0.08	0.168	0.12865	0.12764				

$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  (0.36 Ga) values are recalculated to the eruption age of the host kimberlite (0.36 Ga) using the  $^{187}\text{Re}$  decay constant ( $\lambda^{187}\text{Re}$ ) of  $1.666 \pm 0.005 \times 10^{-11} \text{ a}^{-1}$  (Smoliar et al. 1996).

$^{PM}T_{RD}$  and  $^{PM}T_{MA}$  calculated with PM estimates after Meisel et al. (2001);  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1296$  and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.4353$ . n.d., not determined;

$^{ch}T_{RD}$  and  $^{ch}T_{MA}$  calculated with averages for ordinary and enstatite chondrites (Walker et al., 2002);  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1282$ ,  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.4215$ .

\*Age estimates in parentheses are uncertain due to low Os ( $\leq 0.4$  ppb) and/or high Re/Os linked to metasomatism before or during eruption.

\*\*Dunite 85-14 has too high  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  for an ancient melting residue, likely due to later Re enrichment; its  $T_{RD}$  and  $T_{MA}$  are not meaningful.

Average values for  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  (0.36 Ga),  $T_{RD}$  and  $T_{MA}$  disregard samples with low Os and/or high Re/Os, hence uncertain age estimates.

Negative  $T_{MA}$  are not shown, they are due to unreasonably high Re/Os in the samples