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**The age and origin of cratonic lithospheric mantle: Archean  
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ABSTRACT (485 words)

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

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

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

## 1. Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

### 1.3. Objectives of this study

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 2.2. Sample selection and preparation

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

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

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

### 3. Methods

Detailed descriptions of the methods are provided in ES3.

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

Whole rock major element compositions were obtained by wavelength-dispersive (WD) X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometry at J. Gutenberg University, Mainz. Rock powders were 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

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

Minerals were analyzed for major elements by WD electron probe microanalysis (EPMA) at the Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences (GIG-CAS) in grain mounts. Garnet and spinel were run on a JXA-8900 instrument at 20 kV accelerating voltage, 40 nA beam current, 1–3 mm beam diameter, counting times of 20–40 s for peaks and 20–40 s for background (Zibera et al., 2016) with ZAF data reduction procedure. Olivine and pyroxenes (homogeneous cores delimited using BSE imaging) were analyzed on Cameca SXFive FE. Olivine was run at 20 kV, 20–60 s peak counting time, and the current of 20 nA and 100 nA. Data obtained at 20 nA are reported for Si, Fe, Mn and Ni, and data at 100 nA for Cr, Ca and Na; concentrations of Al and Ti are below detection for nearly all samples. Machine drift and accuracy were monitored with the MongOl reference sample (Batanova et al., 2019), see ES3. Pyroxenes were run at 20 kV, 40 nA, 1–3 mm beam, and 40 s counting times for peaks and background; the PAP procedure was used for matrix correction.

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

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

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

### 3.2. *Lithophile trace elements*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 4. Results

### 4.1. Petrography and modal composition

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Major element compositions of bulk xenoliths and minerals are given in Table 2 of ES1 and shown in Figs. 3-5. The dunites, olivine megacrysts and harzburgites have similar variation ranges of some major elements (Ca, Al, Fe, Cr) as well as of Mg# in bulk samples (Mg#<sub>WR</sub>) (Figs. 3-4) and olivine (Mg#<sub>Ol</sub>). However, the bulk dunites and megacrysts tend to 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 apart from the harzburgites by higher Mg/Si<sub>mol</sub> ratios ( $\geq 1.7$ , Fig. 3b) linked to lower modal opx in the dunites and megacrysts (Fig. 2d). The WR ranges of FeO (6.1–7.9 wt.%) and Mg# (0.917–0.934) are similar for coarse dunites, olivine megacrysts and low-opx harzburgites, and typical of those in refractory cratonic peridotites (Fig. 4a). The bulk variation ranges and 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 wt.%, av. = 0.36 wt.%) for megacrystalline dunites are lower than for coarse dunites (0.28–1.04 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 has high FeO (12.5 wt.%) and low Mg# (0.87).

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

2010).

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

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

#### 4.3. Trace element compositions

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 4.4. *PGE and Re abundances*

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

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

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

#### 4.5. Re-Os isotope systematics

The  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  and  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  ratios are given in Table 2, together with  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  values recalculated to the eruption age of the host kimberlite (~360 Ma) 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), and model  $T_{\text{RD}}$  and  $T_{\text{MA}}$  ages calculated with PM (PUM) estimates for  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.1296$  (Meisel et al., 2001) and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os} = 0.4353$  (Becker et al., 2006); the  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  values at the eruption age were used to obtain the  $T_{\text{RD}}$  values.

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

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

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

## 5. Discussion

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

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

The content of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , CaO and FeO in some dunites and low-opx harzburgites in this study is about the same or even lower than in the spinel harzburgites from the earlier work (Fig. 4a) suggesting that they experienced similar, or even higher, degrees of melt extraction. Other xenoliths, however, contain more  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  than relevant experimental melt extraction residues (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 hard to explain in terms of Al variation due to different melting degrees, but is proportional to modal garnet (Fig. 5c). Small amounts of garnet in refractory cratonic peridotites may form by exsolution from opx on cooling after melting (Doucet et al., 2013), but dunites and olivine

megacrysts in this study contain little, if any, opx. Thus, it appears that some samples in this study experienced moderate post-melting enrichments in Al, likely linked to garnet formation, even though the content of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  is often considered to be a robust melt extraction index for residual peridotites (e.g. [Reisberg and Lorand, 1995](#); [Rudnick and Walker, 2009](#)).

Clinopyroxene and ilmenite were formed by metasomatism as well; the cpx-bearing samples show enrichments in Ca ([Fig. 3d](#)) and usually have  $\text{CaO} \geq \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ([Table 1](#)) while the ilmenite-bearing xenoliths have  $\text{TiO}_2 \geq 0.06$  wt. %.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Uncertainties in Re-Os model ages are also related to the choice of different models for the hypothetical undifferentiated upper mantle reservoir (Bulk Silicate Earth, BSE) that was melted to yield residual mantle peridotites. The  $T_{RD}$  and  $T_{MA}$  ages in this study are calculated 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our preferred interpretation of the Re-Os model ages for the dunites and megacrysts in this study is that they record two distinct Archean events, one in the Neoarchean and the other one in the early Mesoarchean. The lower age limits for these two events are constrained by 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 ( $3.0 \pm 0.2$  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 to true values considering that Re in these highly refractory samples must be dominated by

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 6. Conclusions

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

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

- (4) Robust  $T_{RD}$  ages for 16 low- $^{87}Re/^{188}Os$  (0.02–0.13) xenoliths are distinctly lower for harzburgites (1.9–2.1 Ga; average  $2.0 \pm 0.1$  Ga) than for dunites and olivine megacrysts (2.4–3.1 Ga; av.  $2.8 \pm 0.25$  Ga). The dunites and megacrysts define two subsets with 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. The difference in grain size (medium- to coarse-grained dunites vs. megacrystalline xenoliths) is not related to age. Thus, the dunites or olivine megacrysts could not be produced by re-melting of harzburgites, nor be melt channel materials in harzburgites.
- (5) The dunites are relict fragments of lithospheric mantle formed in two Archean events (at or soon after 2.6 and 3.0 Ga) and incorporated into present mantle lithosphere during the final assembly of the Siberian craton in the Paleoproterozoic. These formation ages of the mantle lithosphere are consistent with crustal basement ages from U-Pb dating of zircons.
- (6) The new data from Siberia and other cratons suggest that the formation of cratonic lithosphere with specific modal and chemical compositions did not stop at the Archean-Proterozoic boundary as is commonly thought, but continued in the Paleoproterozoic.

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## Figure captions

**Fig. 1.** Photomicrographs of Udachnaya mantle xenoliths in transmitted plane-polarized light. Abbreviations: Ol, olivine; Op, orthopyroxene; Cp, clinopyroxene; Gar, garnet; Sp, spinel. A-B: Olivine megacrysts contain inclusions of Op, Sp (B) and Gar. C-F: coarse dunites (Ol  $\leq$  1 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

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

**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 minerals and whole-rocks, and mineral abundances. The Mg# for silicates are the highest in olivine and the lowest in garnet (A). The xenoliths containing much low-Mg# garnet and/or ilmenite plot off the linear  $\text{Mg\#}_{\text{Ol}}$  vs.  $\text{Mg\#}_{\text{WR}}$  correlation (B). The abundance of garnet is proportional to WR  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (C). Literature data for Cr# in coarse garnet peridotites from Udachnaya in (D) are from Doucet et al. (2013); samples that plot to the right from the linear  $\text{Cr\#}_{\text{WR}}$  vs.  $\text{Cr\#}_{\text{Gar}}$  correlation (defined by the earlier work) contain Cr-spinel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

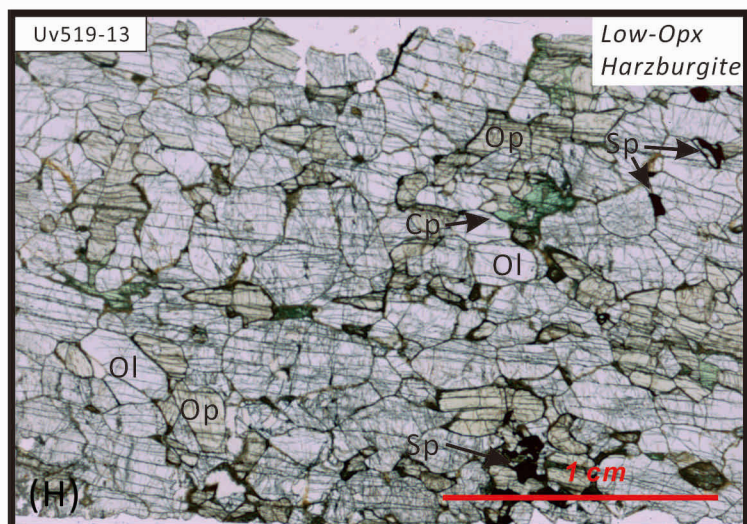
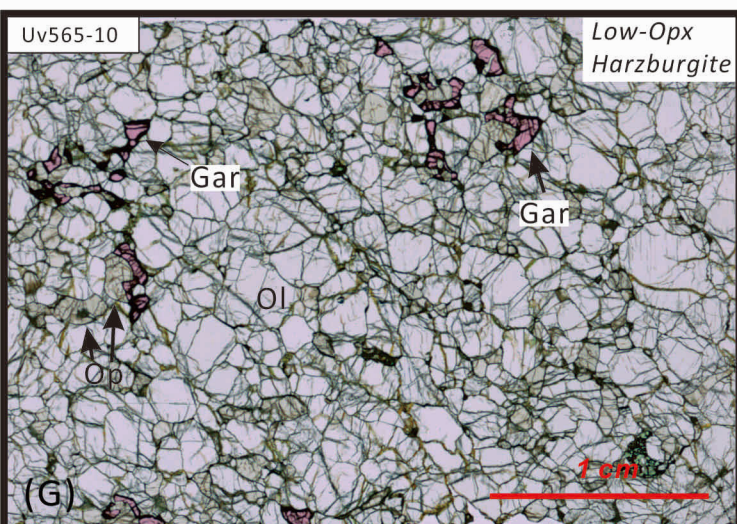
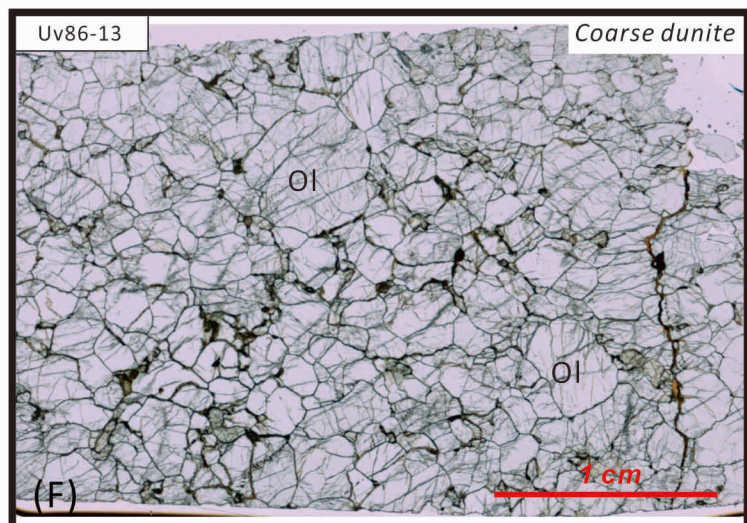
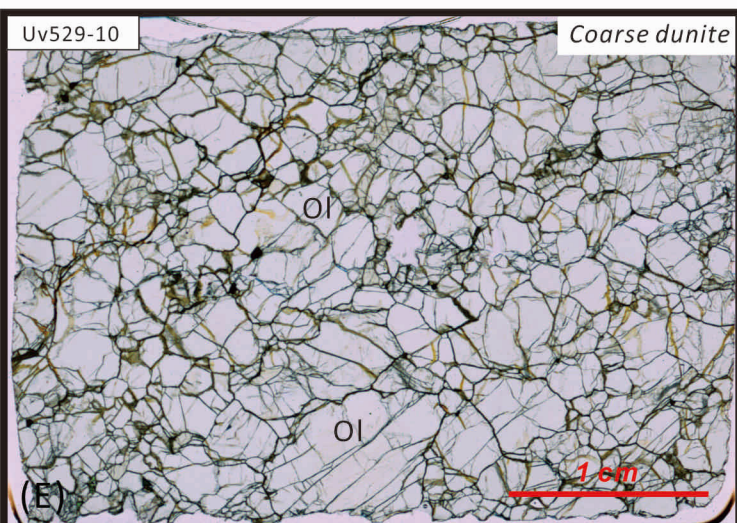
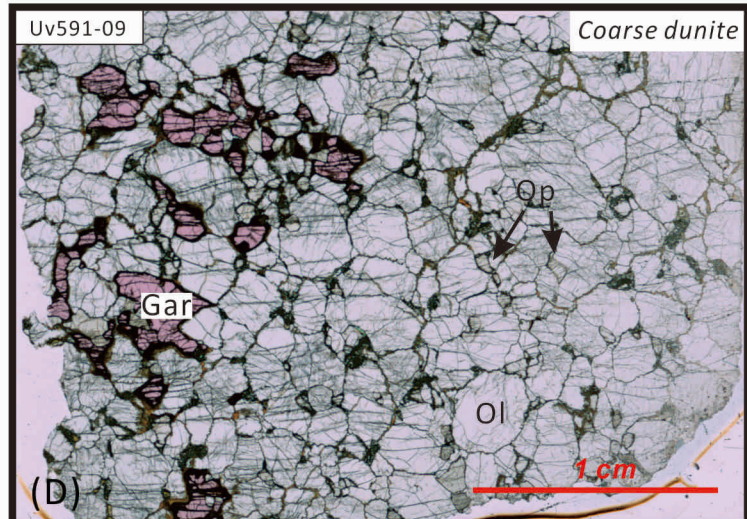
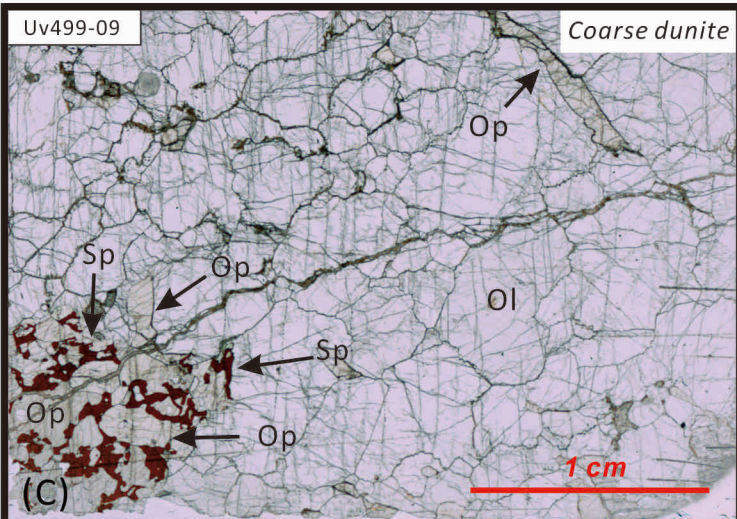
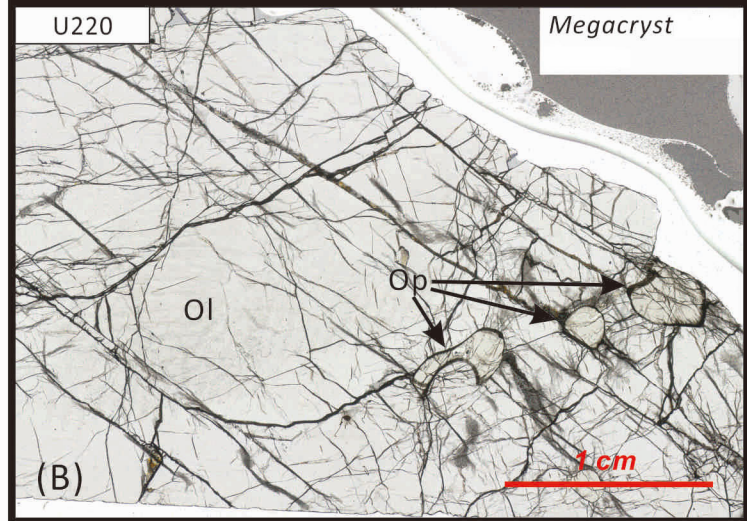
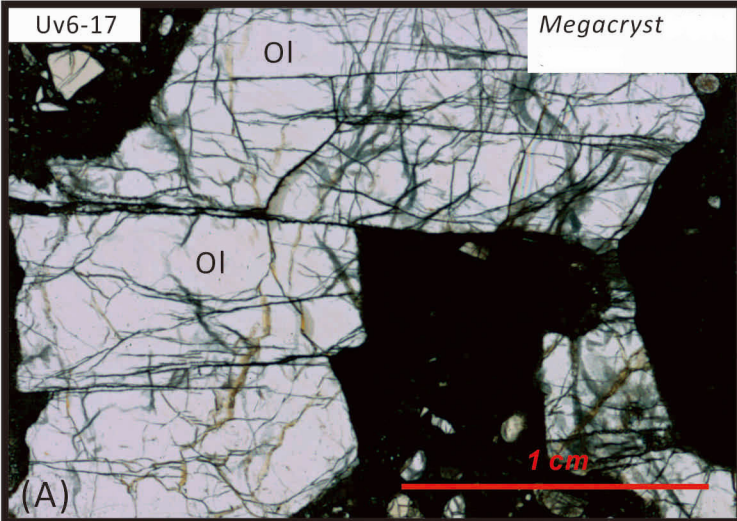
harzburgites (triangles) and (ii) dunites (red circles) grouped with olivine megacrysts (green circles). Thin dashed lines show linear correlations of the  $T_{RD}$  with modal abundances for all the xenoliths. The  $T_{RD}$  seem to be correlated with modal olivine and opx when all the xenoliths are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

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

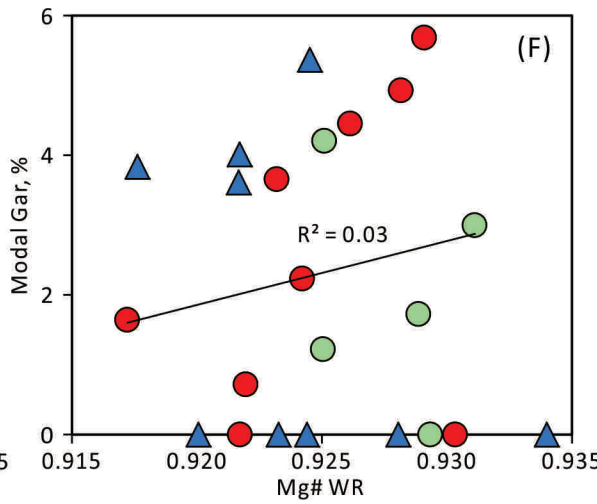
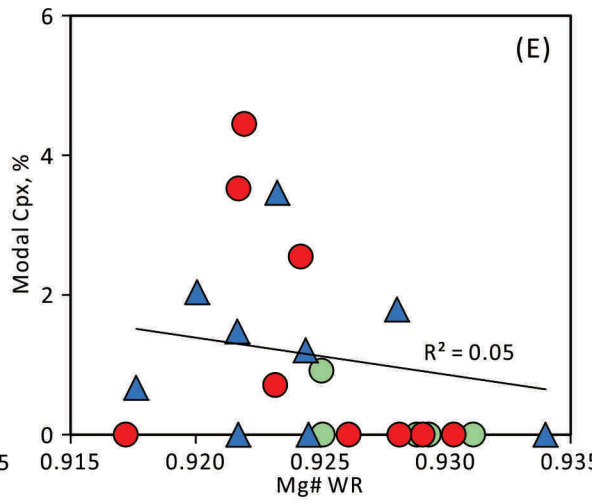
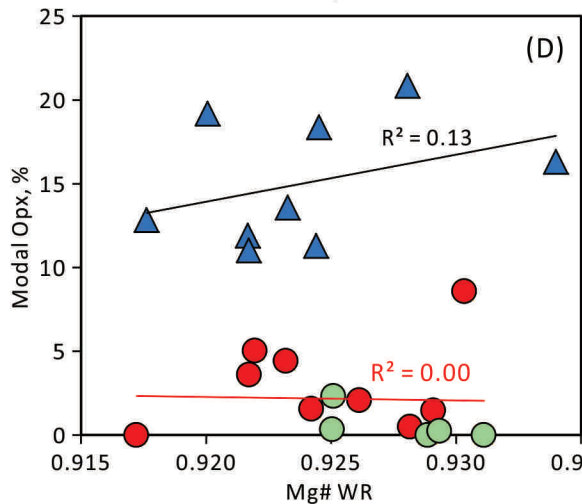
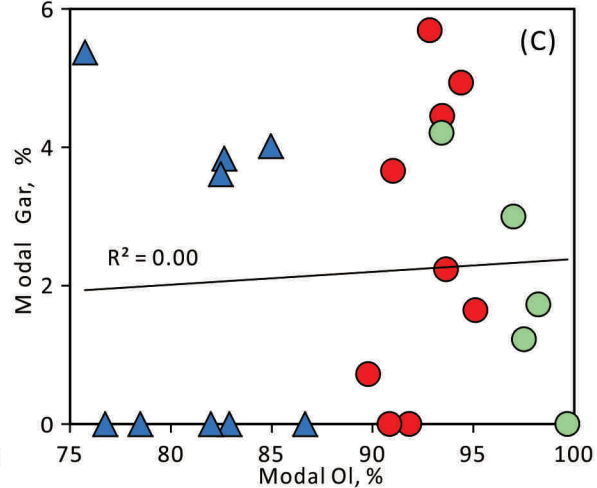
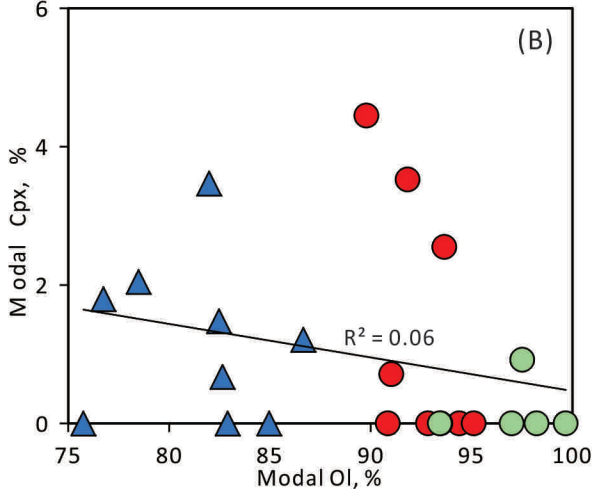
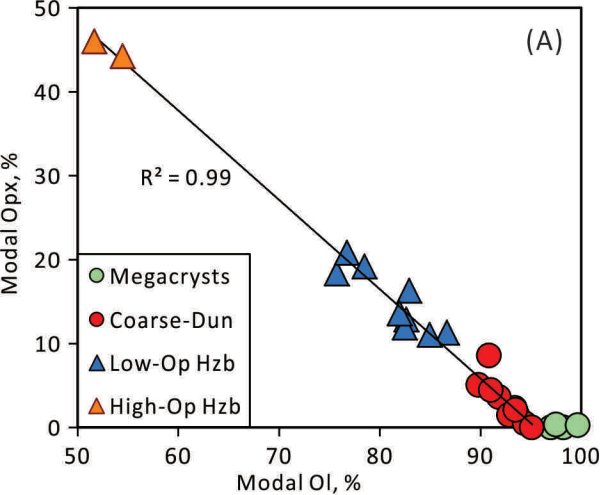
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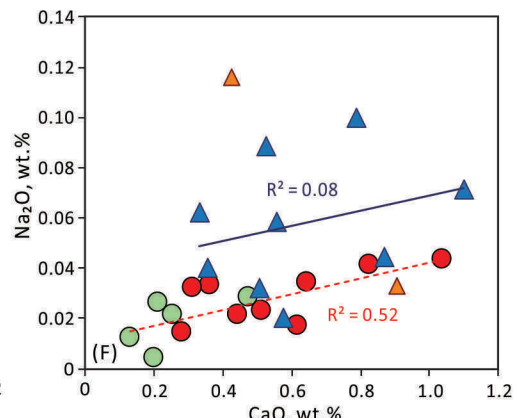
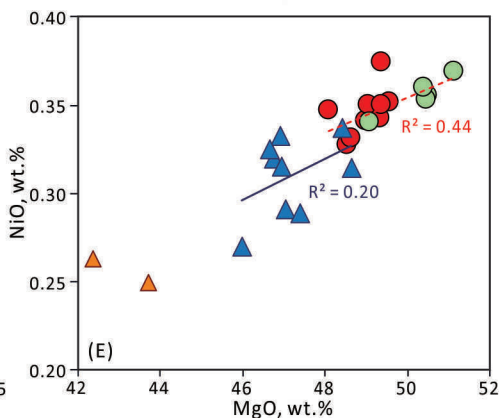
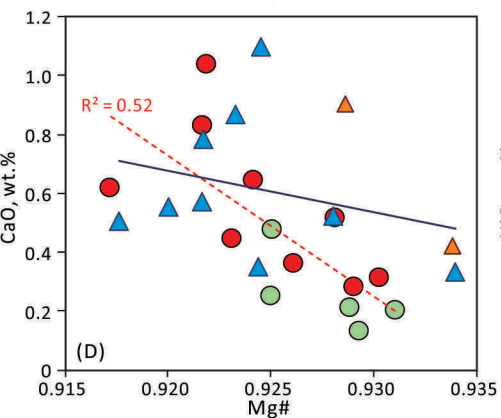
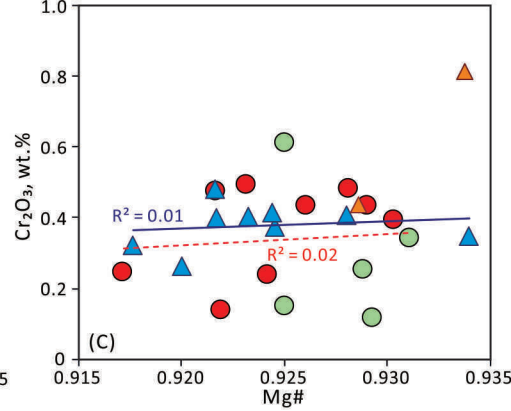
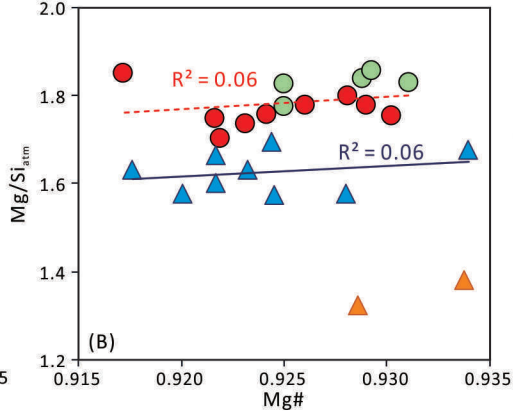
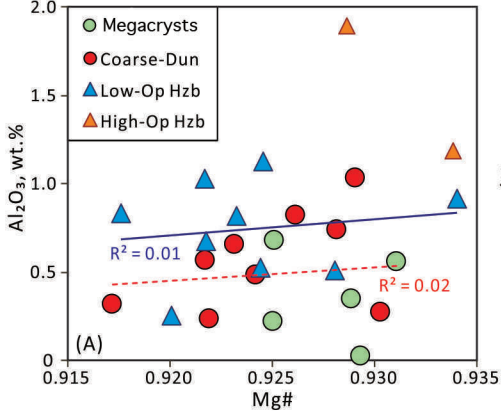
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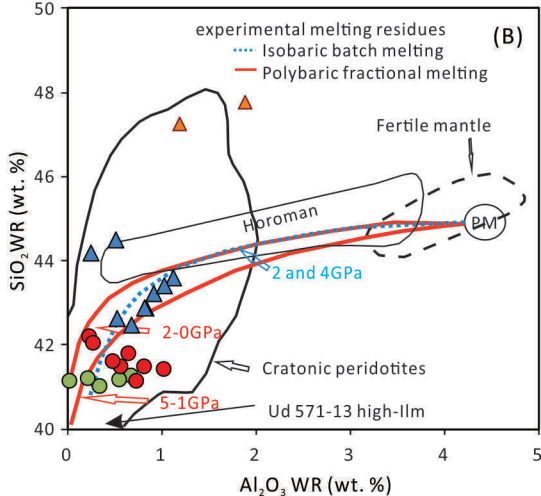
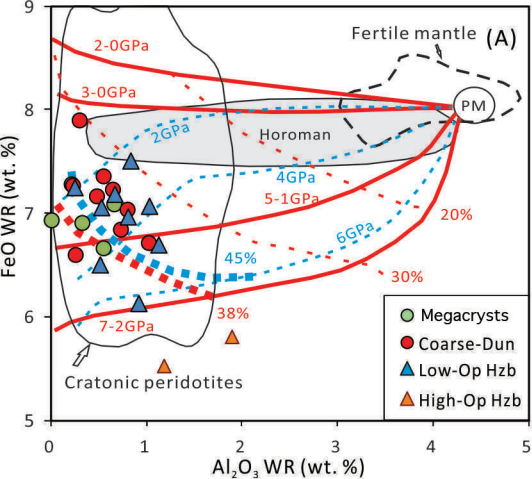


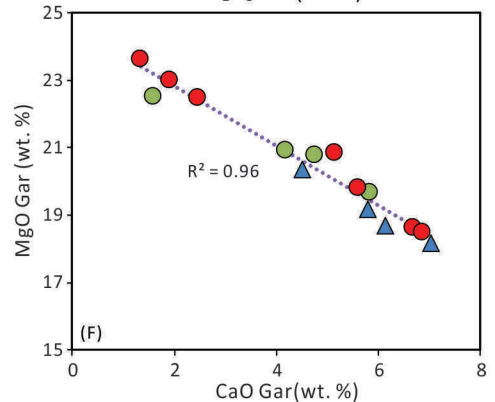
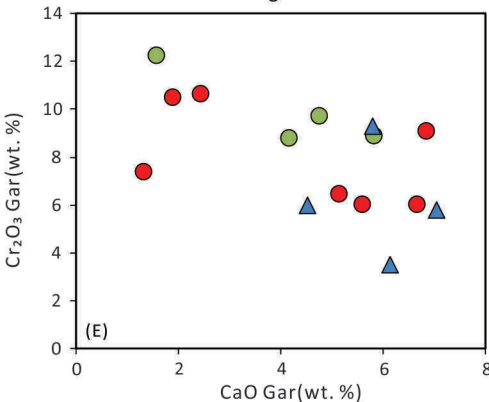
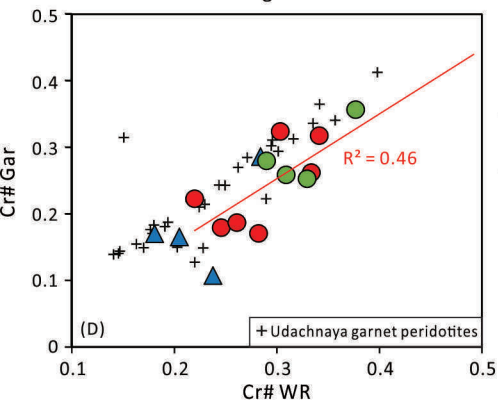
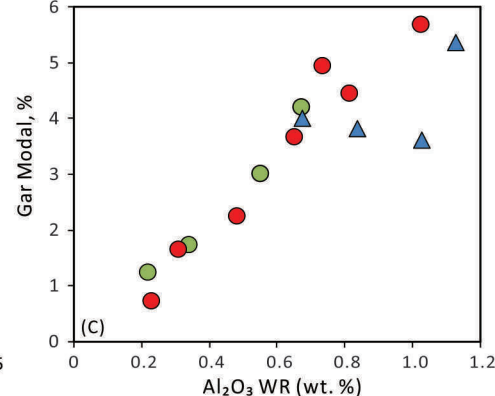
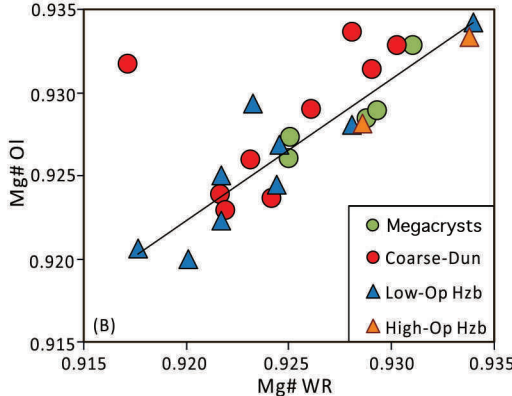
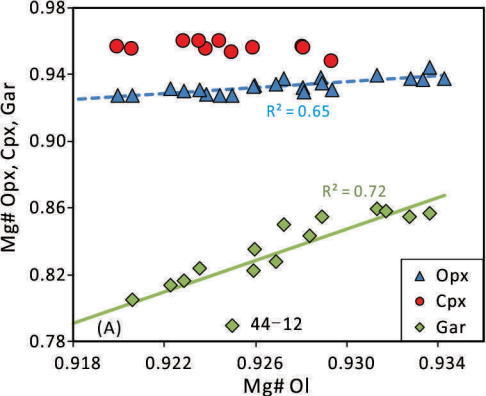


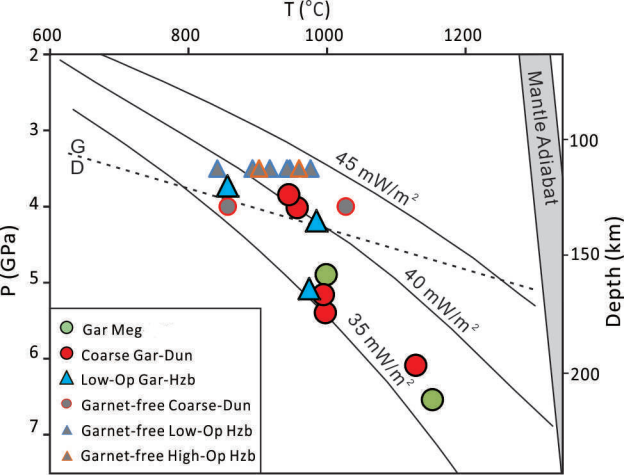


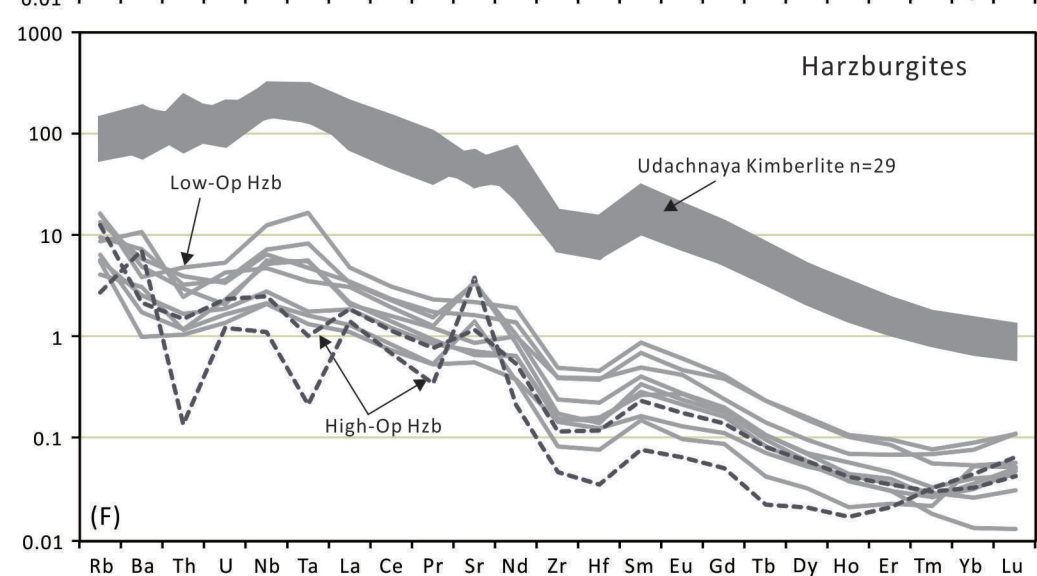
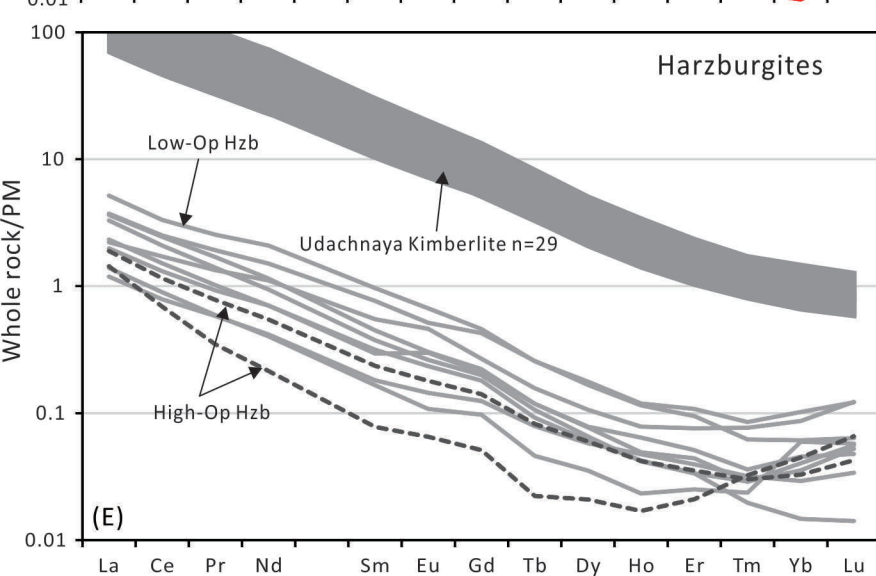
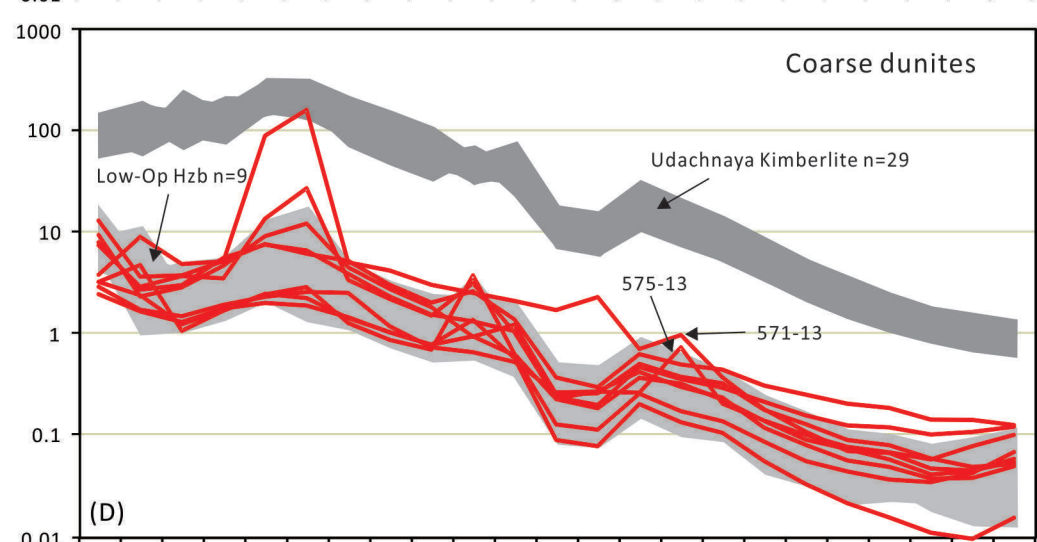
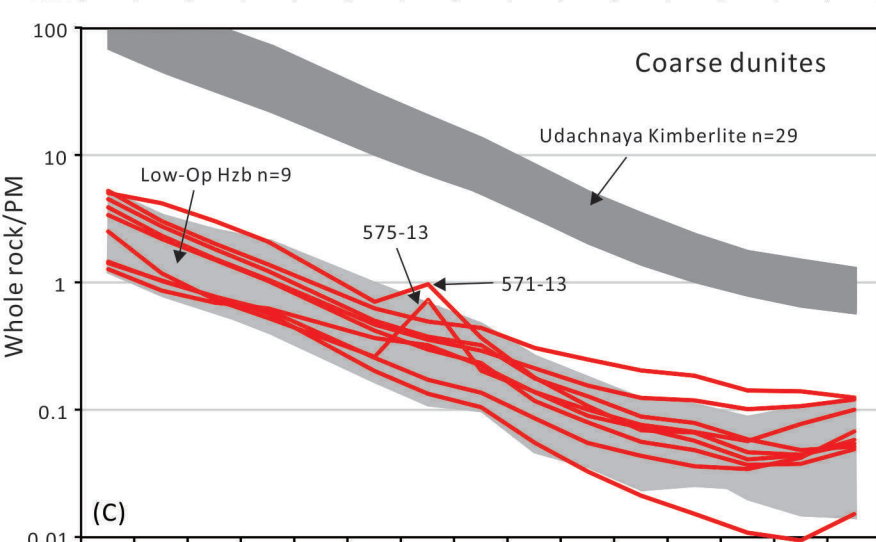
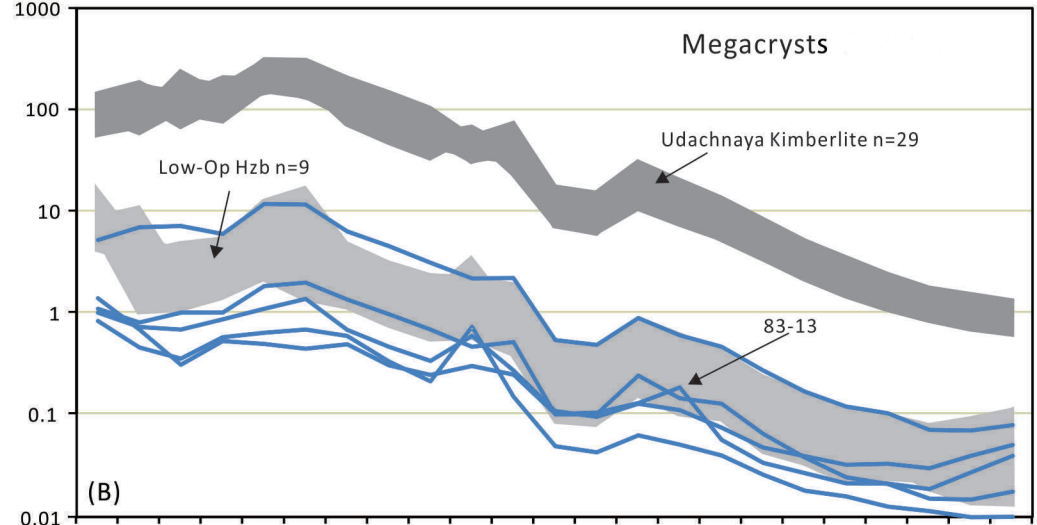
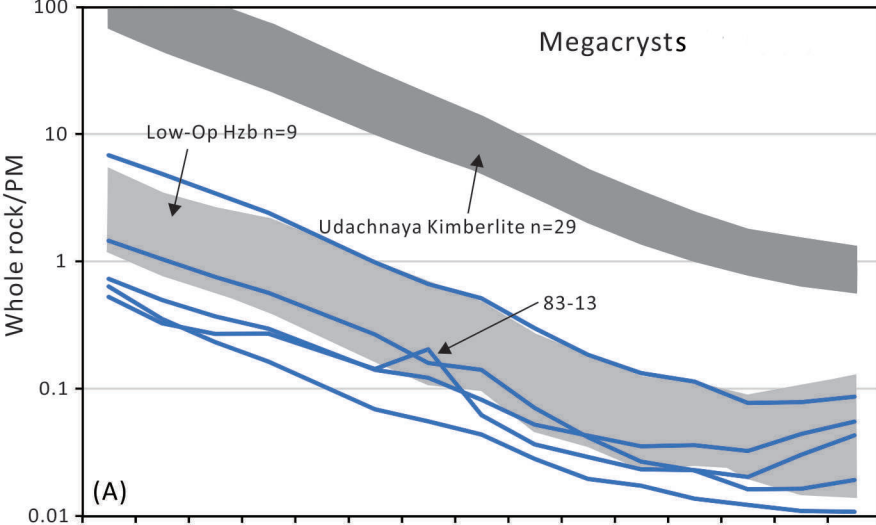


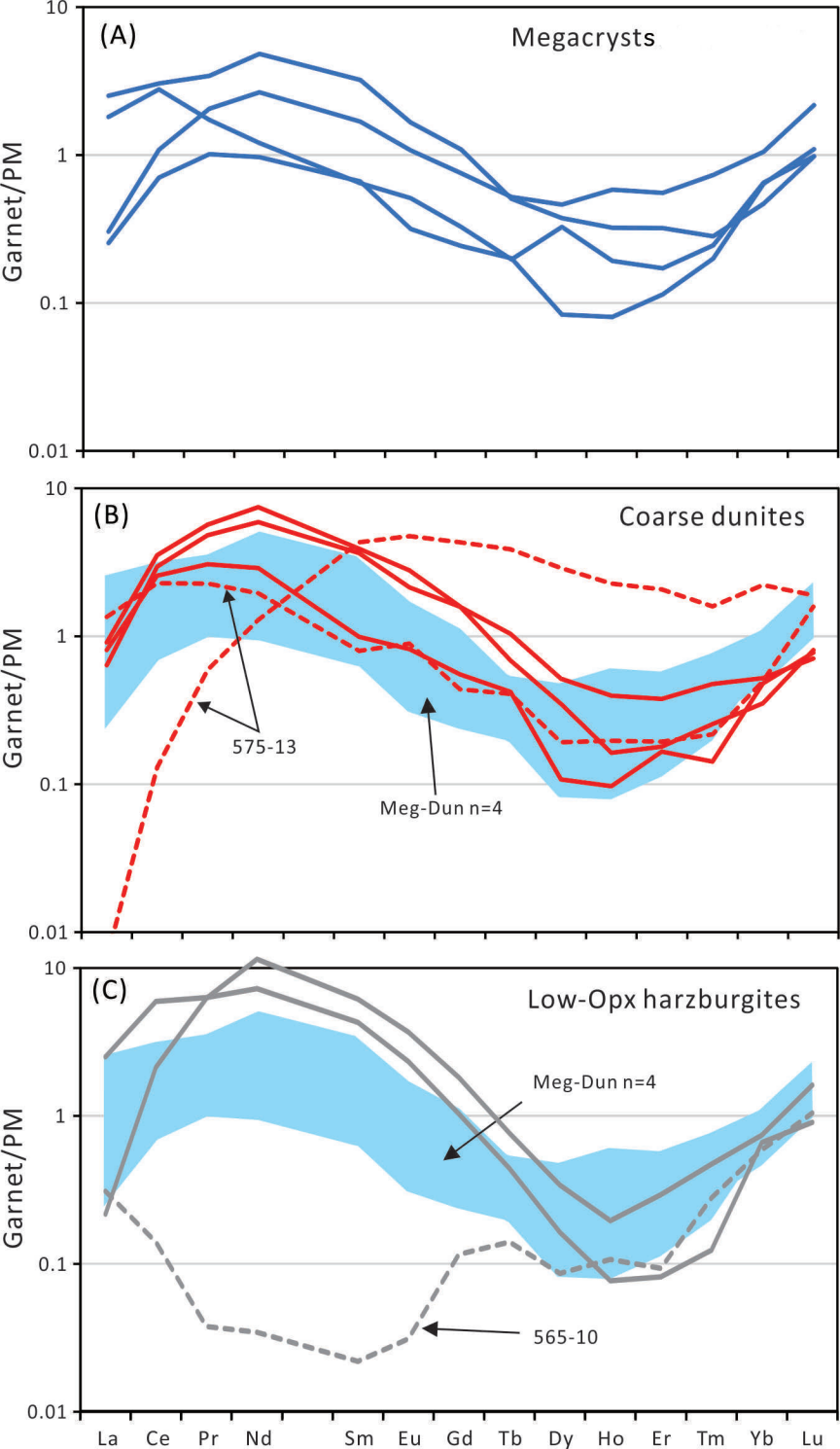


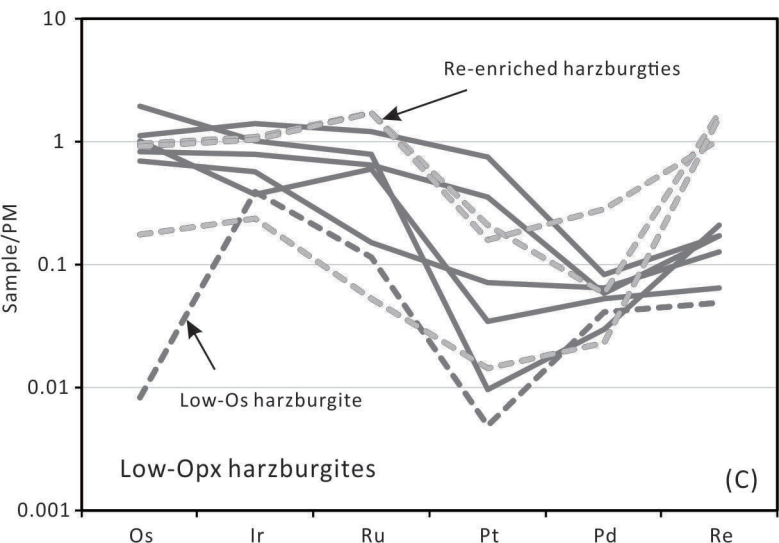
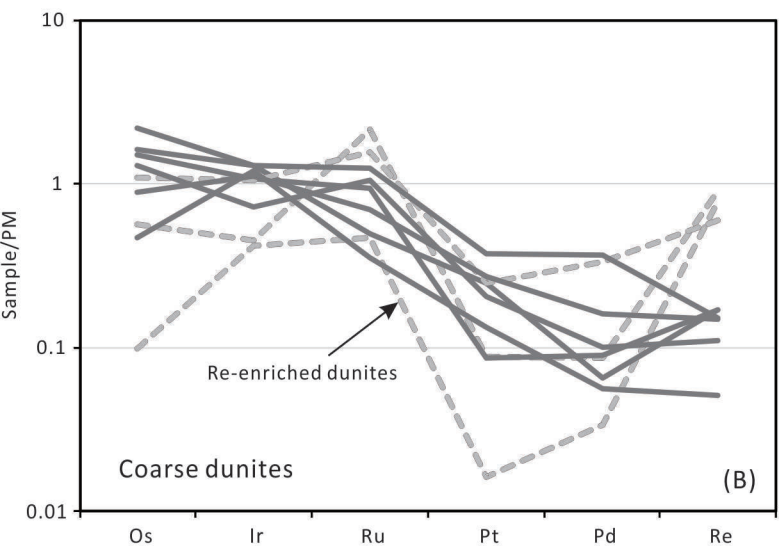
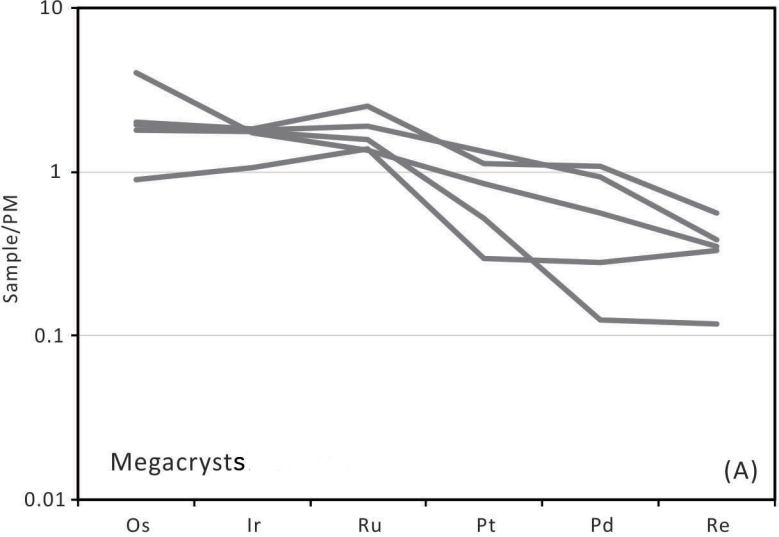


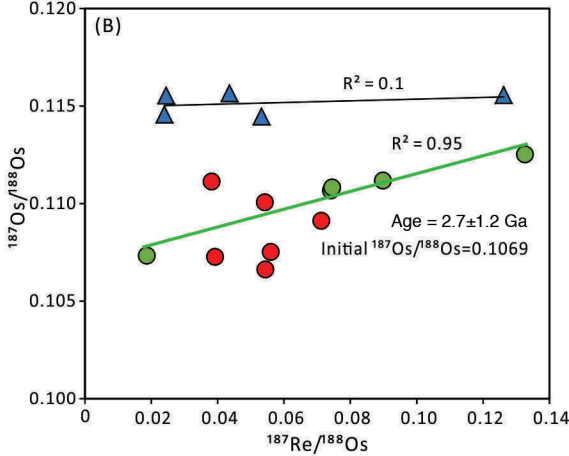
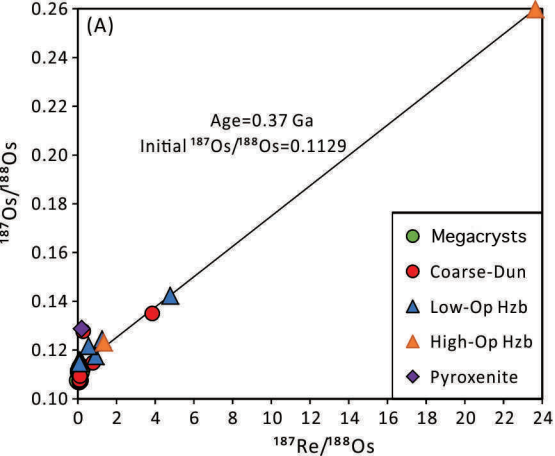


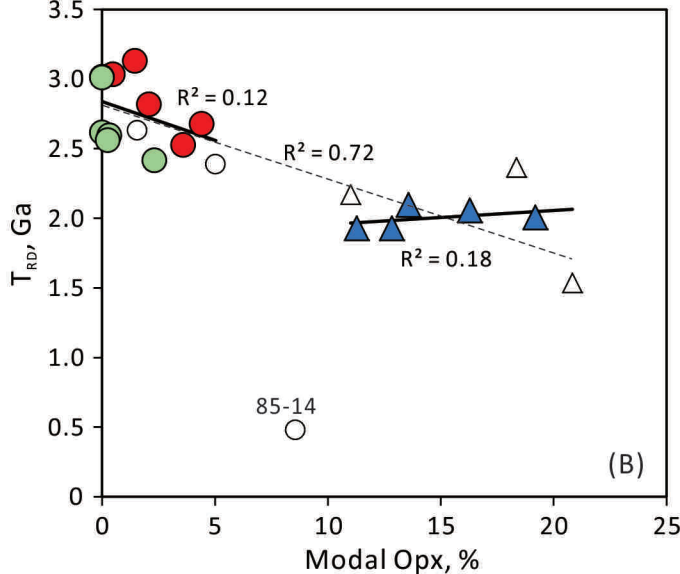
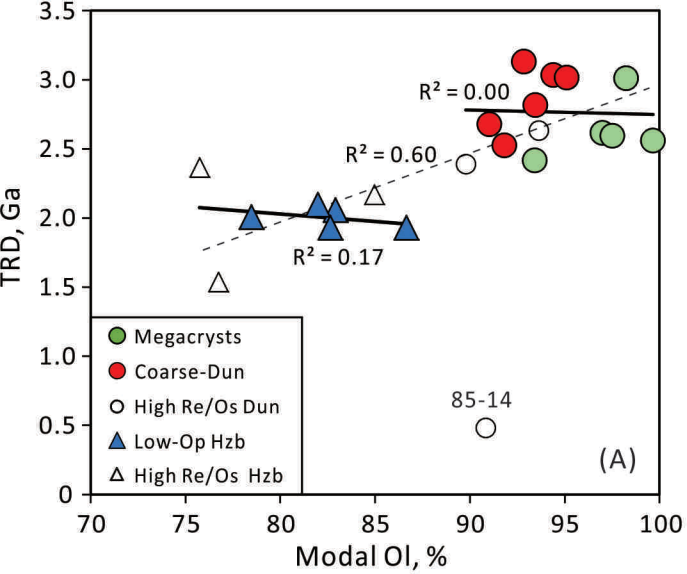














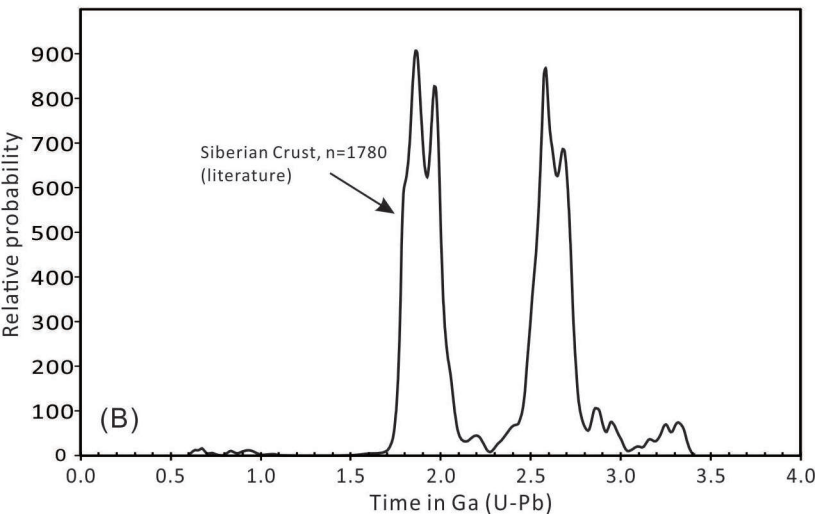
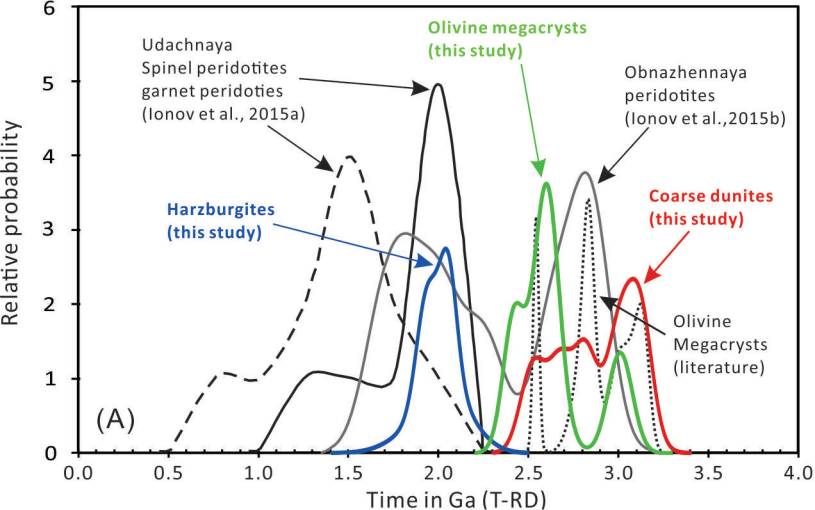


Table 1. Summary of petrologic data for samples in this study

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	-
Averages				0.36	0.25	0.928	0.929	0.88	97	0.6		2.0		
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	-
Averages				0.57	0.56	0.925	0.928	0.71	93	3.0	1.2	2.6		
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	-
Averages				0.74	0.62	0.924	0.926	0.56	81	15	1.2	1.9	0.49	
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	-
Averages				1.54	0.66	0.931	0.931	0.40	53	45			0.8	
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	<sup>187</sup> Re/ / <sup>188</sup> Os	<sup>187</sup> Os/ / <sup>188</sup> Os	<sup>187</sup> Os/ <sup>188</sup> Os	<sup>PM</sup> T <sub>RD</sub>	<sup>PM</sup> T <sub>MA</sub>	<sup>ch</sup> T <sub>RD</sub>	<sup>ch</sup> T <sub>MA</sub>
	wr	wr, %	ppb	ppb	ppb	ppb	ppb	ppb			0.36 Ga	Ga	Ga	Ga	Ga
Olivine megacrysts and megacrystalline dunite															
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
Coarse dunites															
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
Sheared dunite															
Uv48-12*	0.869	0.09	0.02	0.03	0.27	0.25	0.30	0.15	40.7	0.4398	0.19480				
Low-opx harzburgites															
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
Opx-rich harzburgites															
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)	
Olivine orthopyroxenite															
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).

$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  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;

$^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  and  $^{187}\text{Re}/^{188}\text{Os}$  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  $T_{\text{RD}}$  and  $T_{\text{AM}}$  are not meaningful.

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

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