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Ediacaran initial subduction and Cambrian slab rollback of the Junggar Ocean: New evidence from igneous tectonic blocks and gabbro enclave in Early Palaeozoic accretionary complexes, southern West Junggar, NW China

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Abstract

New zircon U–Pb ages and whole-rock chemical data from four adakitic and two non-adakitic igneous rocks as tectonic blocks in the southern West Junggar accretionary complexes, northwestern China and one gabbro enclave in adakitic block provide further constraints on the initial subduction and following rollback process of the Junggar Ocean as part of southern Palaeo-Asian Ocean. The oldest adakitic monzonite in Tangbale is intruded by the non-adakitic quartz monzonite at 549 Ma, and the youngest adakitic diorite in Tierekehuola formed at 520 Ma. The Ediacaran–Cambrian magmatism show a N-wards younger trend. The high-SiO₂ adakitic rocks have high Sr (300–663 ppm) and low Y (6.68–12.2 ppm), with Sr/Y = 40–84 and Mg no. = 46–60, whereas the non-adakitic rocks have high Y (13.2–22.7 ppm) and Yb (2.32–2.92 ppm), with Mg no. = 36–40. The gabbro has high MgO (14.81–15.11 wt%), Co (45–48 ppm), Cr (1120–1360 ppm) and Ni (231–288 ppm), with Mg no. = 72–73. All the samples show similar large-ion lithophile element (LILE) and light rare earth element (LREE) enrichment and Nb, Ta, Ti and varying Zr and Hf depletion, suggesting that they were formed in a subduction-related setting. The adakitic rocks were produced by partial melting of subducted oceanic slab, but the melts were modified by mantle wedge and slab-derived fluids; the non-adakitic rocks were likely derived from partial melts of the middle-lower arc crust; and the gabbro originated from the mantle wedge modified by slab-derived fluids. The magmatism could have been generated during the Ediacaran initial subduction and Cambrian slab rollback of the Junggar Ocean.

1. Introduction

Initial subduction refers to the first sinking of oceanic lithosphere into the mantle, when the subduction zone still has the thermal structure of an unstable state (Agard *et al.* 2016). With respect to the initial subduction of an ancient ocean, the oldest supra-subduction zone (SSZ-type) ophiolite, island-arc igneous rocks and subduction-related metamorphic rocks in accretionary complexes can provide important constraints on the timing of initial subduction (Guilmette *et al.* 2018; Stern & Taras, 2018).

The Central Asian Orogenic Belt (CAOB) between the Siberian Craton and the Tarim–North China Craton is one of the largest accretionary orogenic belts on Earth, and its formation was closely related to the evolution of Neoproterozoic–Palaeozoic Palaeo-Asian Ocean (PAO) (Fig. 1a; Xiao *et al.* 2003, 2015; Kröner *et al.* 2007; Windley *et al.* 2007). The subduction of the northern PAO was initiated prior to *c.* 1000 Ma, SSZ-type ophiolites at 1020–1017 Ma (Khain *et al.* 2002; Turkina *et al.* 2004) and arc-complex at 972–826 Ma (Nekrasov *et al.* 2007; Gordienko *et al.* 2009; Kröner *et al.* 2015). Subduction of the southern PAO initiated later; the earliest SSZ-type ophiolites at 572–512 Ma (Kröner *et al.* 2007; Ryazantsev *et al.* 2009; Xu *et al.* 2012; Yang *et al.* 2012a; Liu *et al.* 2020), island-arc plutons at 572–495 Ma (Kröner *et al.* 2007; Alexeiev *et al.* 2011; Konopelko *et al.* 2012, 2021; Xu *et al.* 2012, 2013b; Ren *et al.* 2014; Zheng *et al.* 2019) and subduction-related metamorphic rocks at 509–458 Ma (Zhang, 1997; Tagiri *et al.* 2010; Alexeiev *et al.* 2011; Meyer *et al.* 2013; Konopelko & Klemd, 2016; Liu *et al.* 2016) in Kazakhstan–Kyrgyzstan Northern Tianshan and West Junggar region of China. The evidence of Ediacaran subduction has only been published more recently (Zheng *et al.* 2019; Liu *et al.* 2020); it is therefore necessary to further explore the initial subduction of the southern PAO.

The West Junggar region, northwestern China, is located in the southwestern part of the CAOB, and its accretionary process was closely related to the subduction of the Junggar Ocean, an important southern branch of the PAO (Fig. 1b; Han *et al.* 2006, 2010; Windley *et al.*

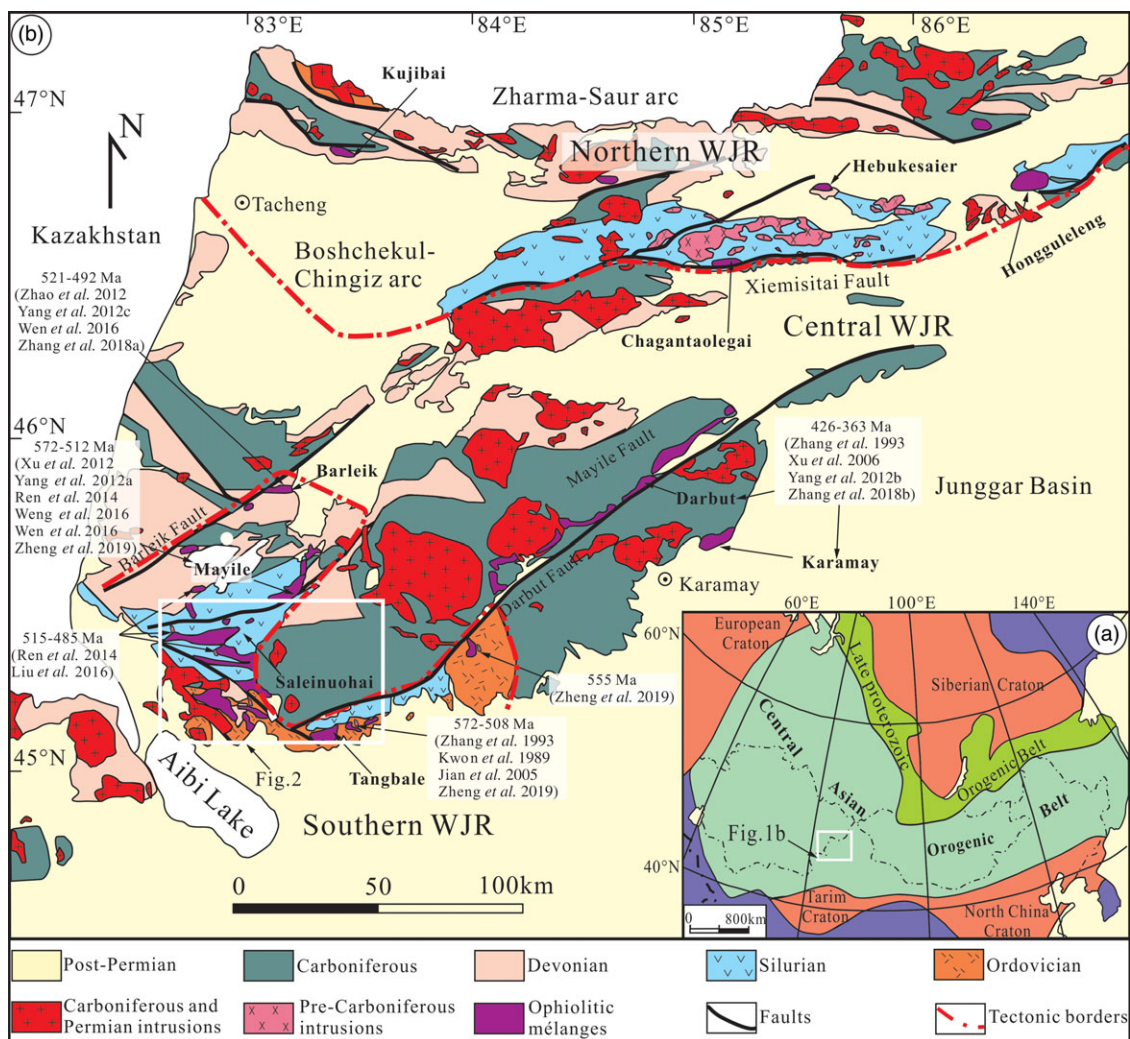


Fig. 1. (Colour online) (a) Tectonic division of the CAOB (modified from Han *et al.* 2010) with the approximate location of (b) shown in inset. (b) Tectonic map of the West Junggar region (modified from BGMRXUAR, 1993) with the approximate location of Figure 2. WJR – West Junggar region.

2007; Xiao *et al.* 2008). The Barleik–Mayile–Tangbale accretionary complexes in southern West Junggar are thought to represent the earliest part related to subduction of the Junggar Ocean (Liu *et al.* 2020), with the oldest subduction-related amphibolite of 504 Ma and blueschist of 502 Ma (Liu *et al.* 2016), SSZ-type gabbro of 572 Ma (Yang *et al.* 2012a; Liu *et al.* 2020) and island-arc diorite of 572 Ma (Zheng *et al.* 2019), suggesting the initial intra-oceanic subduction of the Junggar Ocean during the Ediacaran Period (Zheng *et al.* 2019; Liu *et al.* 2020). However, there is no consensus about the subduction process and polarity, with possible S-directed (Liu *et al.* 2016; Wen *et al.* 2016; Zhang *et al.* 2018b) or N-directed (Choulet *et al.* 2016) subduction, which would result in three isolated intra-oceanic arcs (Xu *et al.* 2012, 2013b; Ren *et al.* 2014) or one single intra-oceanic arc (Choulet *et al.* 2016; Liu *et al.* 2016; Wen *et al.* 2016; Zhang *et al.* 2018b).

In this paper, we present new whole-rock chemical data and zircon U–Pb ages from four adakitic and two non-adakitic igneous rocks as tectonic blocks in the Barleik–Mayile–Tangbale accretionary complexes, and one gabbro enclave in an adakitic block in order to further discuss the initial subduction and evolution of the Junggar Ocean during Ediacaran–Cambrian time.

2. Geological background

The West Junggar region is usually divided into northern, central and southern parts (Fig. 1b; Choulet *et al.* 2012; Liu *et al.* 2020). The northern West Junggar region is characterized by the E–W-striking Zharma–Saur arc in the north and Boshchekul–Chingiz arc in the south, separated by the Kujibai–Hebukesaier–Hongguleleng ophiolitic mélangé belt (Chen *et al.* 2010, 2015; Yang *et al.* 2019b). The Zharma–Saur arc may be traced for up to c. 600 km from northeastern Kazakhstan to northwestern China and is mainly composed of Late Devonian – Early Carboniferous arc igneous rocks, which was formed by S-wards subduction of the Irtysh–Zaisan Ocean, another southern branch of the PAO (Fig. 1b; Windley *et al.* 2007; Chen *et al.* 2010, 2015). The Boshchekul–Chingiz arc (Fig. 1b) extends W-wards to the Boshchekul region in central Kazakhstan and is characterized by the Cambrian – Early Devonian arc igneous rocks (Chen *et al.* 2010; Xiao *et al.* 2015) related to either N-wards subduction of the Junggar Ocean (Choulet *et al.* 2012; Chen *et al.* 2015) or S-wards subduction of the Irtysh–Zaisan ocean (Shen *et al.* 2012; Yin *et al.* 2015). The Kujibai–Hebukesaier–Hongguleleng ophiolitic mélangé belt comprises gabbros and basalts with normal mid-ocean-ridge basalt (N-MORB) affinities (Du & Chen, 2017; Yang *et al.* 2019b) and

island-arc tholeiitic diabbases and basalts (She *et al.* 2016; Liu *et al.* 2020). The gabbros and plagiogranite yield zircon U–Pb ages of 515–472 Ma (She *et al.* 2016; Du & Chen, 2017; Yang *et al.* 2019b), implying the presence of a Cambrian–Ordovician ocean basin (Du & Chen, 2017; Yang *et al.* 2019b) or back-arc basin (She *et al.* 2016) between the Zharma–Saur and Boshchekul–Chingiz arcs. Both arcs and intervening ophiolitic mélange belt were intruded by Late Carboniferous – Permian plutons (Fig. 1b; Chen *et al.* 2010).

The central West Junggar region is separated from the northern West Junggar region by the Chagantaolegai ophiolitic mélange along the Xiemisitai Fault (Fig. 1b; Chen *et al.* 2015; Liu *et al.* 2020) and composed of the Devonian – Early Carboniferous subduction-related volcano-sedimentary rocks (Xu *et al.* 2013b), which are intruded by Upper Carboniferous – lower Permian plutons (Fig. 1b; Han *et al.* 2006). The Late Silurian – Devonian Karamay and Darbut ophiolitic mélanges are dispersed along the NE-trending faults near the NW margin of the Junggar Basin (Fig. 1b; Zhang *et al.* 2018a) and dominated by diverse tectonic blocks, including N-MORB, enriched mid-ocean-ridge basalt (E-MORB) and arc-like gabbros of age 426–363 Ma (Xu *et al.* 2006; Yang *et al.* 2012b; Zhang *et al.* 2018b) and Late Devonian radiolarian-bearing cherts (Zong *et al.* 2016). These blocks are considered to have been welded together during the terminative oceanic subduction (Xu *et al.* 2013a; Li *et al.* 2015).

The southern West Junggar region consists mainly of Ordovician–Silurian accretionary complexes (Fig. 1b; Windley *et al.* 2007; Xiao *et al.* 2008; Han *et al.* 2010), including SSZ-type ophiolitic mélanges scattered in Barleik, Mayile, Saleinuohai and Tangbale Mountains, and are unconformably overlain by Middle Devonian – Lower Carboniferous volcanic-sedimentary sequences (Ren *et al.* 2014; Wu *et al.* 2018). The accretionary complexes and overlying sequences were intruded by Late Carboniferous–Permian plutons (Xu *et al.* 2012; Ren *et al.* 2014; Liu *et al.* 2017) and crosscut by NE–SW-striking faults (Fig. 1b).

2.a. Tangbale ophiolitic mélange

The Tangbale ophiolitic mélange is distributed in the Middle Ordovician Kekeshayi Formation and unconformably overlain by the Silurian turbidites (Fig. 2; Choulet *et al.* 2012; Zheng *et al.* 2019). The mélange is characterized by various blocks in serpentinite matrix, including serpentinitized peridotite, pyroxenite, basalt, gabbro, chert and blueschist (Zhang *et al.* 1993; Buckman & Aitchison, 2001; Liu *et al.* 2020). The gabbros yield a zircon U–Pb age of 531 ± 15 Ma (Jian *et al.* 2005) and a sphene Pb–Pb age of 523 ± 7 Ma (Kwon *et al.* 1989), the cherts contain Middle Ordovician radiolarians (Buckman & Aitchison, 2001) and the blueschists give sodium (Na) amphibole $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages of 470–458 Ma (Zhang, 1997). The gabbros show SSZ affinities, but the basalts have both island-arc basalt (IAB) and ocean-island basalt (OIB) features (BK Yang, unpub. M.Sc. thesis, Chang'an University, 2011). Recently, diorites with zircon U–Pb ages of 572–555 Ma and arc affinities are thought to be related to the initial subduction of the Junggar Ocean (Zheng *et al.* 2019).

2.b. Mayile ophiolitic mélange

The Mayile ophiolitic mélange occurs in the Saleinuohai Mountain in the south and the Mayile Mountain in the north, and is surrounded by the Middle–Upper Silurian volcanic-sedimentary sequences (Figs 1b, 2; Wang *et al.* 2003; Xu *et al.* 2012). The mélange consists of serpentinitized peridotite (harzburgite, lherzolite and dunite), gabbro, pyroxenite, basalt, chert, greenschist,

blueschist and amphibolite blocks in serpentinite matrix (Xu *et al.* 2012; Ren *et al.* 2014; Liu *et al.* 2020). The SSZ-type gabbros yield zircon U–Pb ages of 572–512 Ma (Xu *et al.* 2012, 2013b; Yang *et al.* 2012a; Ren *et al.* 2014; Weng *et al.* 2016). By contrast, the pillow basalts with OIB affinities (Yang *et al.* 2012a, 2015a) yield zircon U–Pb ages of 437–433 Ma (Yang *et al.* 2019a) and may be the remnants of seamounts near an ocean ridge (Yang *et al.* 2012a). In addition, this mélange contains two groups of arc plutons – c. 510 Ma low-K tholeiitic in an immature island arc and c. 490 Ma medium-K calc-alkaline in a mature island arc – as the products of S-directed subduction of the Junggar Ocean (Xu *et al.* 2012; Ren *et al.* 2014; Weng *et al.* 2016).

2.c. Barleik ophiolitic mélange

The Barleik ophiolitic mélange is dispersed along the south side of the Barleik Fault, with the southernmost occurrence at Tierkehuola (Fig. 1b; Zhao *et al.* 2012; Wen *et al.* 2016; Zhang *et al.* 2018a). The mélange consists of various blocks, including peridotite, clinopyroxenite, gabbro, pillow lava, greenschist, blueschist, amphibolite, marble, and quartzite (Xu *et al.* 2012; Zhao *et al.* 2012; Liu *et al.* 2016). The SSZ-type gabbroic blocks yield zircon U–Pb ages of 521–502 Ma (Xu *et al.* 2012; Yang *et al.* 2012c; Wen *et al.* 2016; Zhang *et al.* 2018a) and the OIB-type pillow lavas are comparable to the seamount basalts in the Mayile ophiolitic mélange (Xu *et al.* 2012, 2013b, Yang *et al.* 2012a; Liu *et al.* 2020). In addition, a few intermediate to felsic arc plutons with zircon U–Pb ages of 509–503 Ma are also dispersed in the region (Xu *et al.* 2013b). The blueschist with a phengite $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age of 492 Ma, and garnet-bearing amphibolite with a rutile SIMS U–Pb age of 502 Ma and an Na-amphibole $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age of 504 Ma, represent the oldest records of subduction metamorphism of the Junggar Ocean (Liu *et al.* 2016).

3. Samples and their petrography

Six igneous tectonic blocks in the Tangbale, Saleinuohai and Tierkehuola areas were investigated (Fig. 2), and occur as isolated blocks in either serpentinites or accretionary complexes (Fig. 3). These igneous tectonic blocks and one gabbro enclave in the Tierkehuola granodiorite were sampled for whole-rock chemical analyses and zircon U–Pb dating. According to their chemical features, the igneous tectonic blocks can be divided into adakitic and non-adakitic subgroups.

3.a. Adakitic group

From south to north, the adakitic group includes Tangbale monzonite (190621-03; Fig. 3b) and Saleinuohai monzonite (190625-01; Fig. 3e), and Tierkehuola diorite (190629-01) and granodiorite (190929-07) (Fig. 3f). The Saleinuohai monzonite is grey and fine to medium-grained, and the Tangbale monzonite is dark grey and fine-grained; both are composed of plagioclase (40–50%), potassium (K) feldspar (25–30%), amphibole (20–25%) and minor quartz (< 5%) (Fig. 4b, d). The grey, fine to medium-grained diorite consists of plagioclase (c. 65%), amphibole (c. 30%), quartz (c. 3%) and minor accessory minerals (Fig. 4e), and the plagioclase shows a typical zoned texture (Fig. 4f). The granodiorite is reddish, has the same texture as diorite and comprises plagioclase (c. 50%), quartz (c. 30%), amphibole (c. 15%) and minor accessory minerals (Fig. 4g). All K-feldspar and plagioclase are partially subjected to kaolinization and/or sericitization with a turbid appearance.

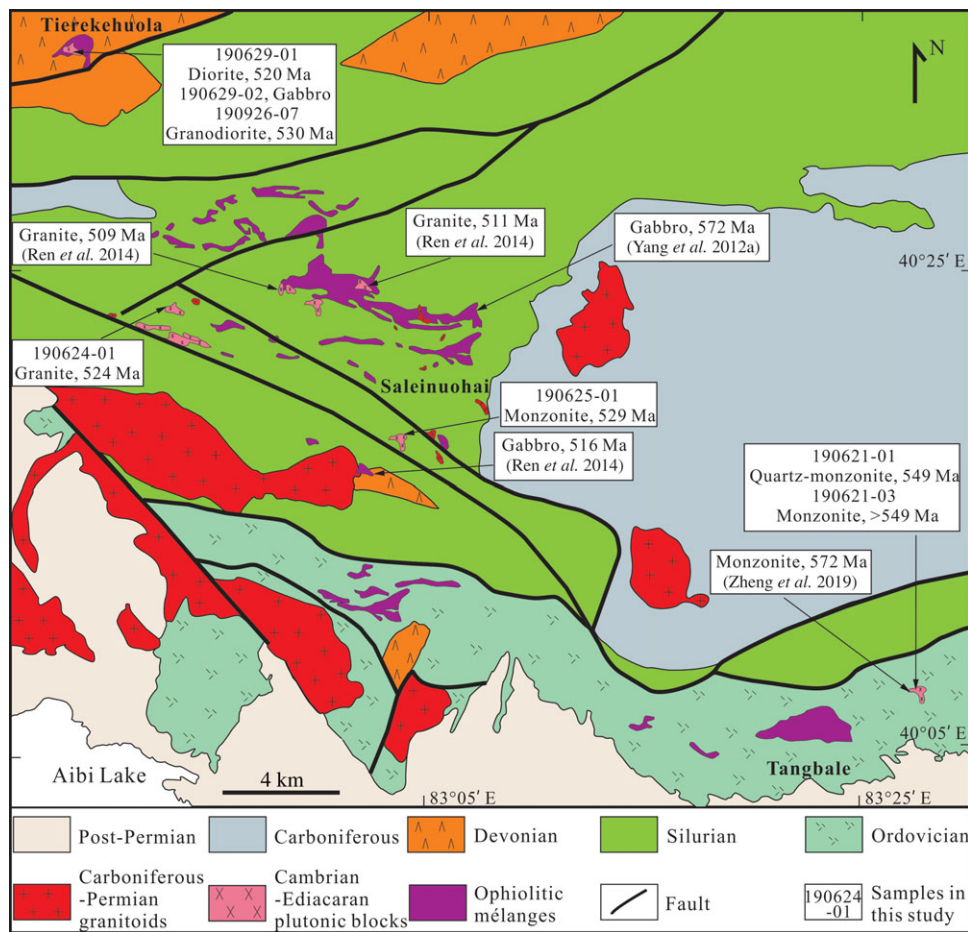


Fig. 2. (Colour online) Geological map of the study area (modified from BGMRXUAR, 1993; Ren *et al.* 2014) and sample locations.

3.b. Non-adakitic group

The non-adakitic group comprises Tangbale quartz-monzonite (190621-01; Fig. 3a) and Saleinuohai granite (190624-01; Fig. 3c, d). The non-adakitic quartz-monzonite intruded adakitic monzonite in Tangbale, which generates a chilled border on non-adakitic quartz-monzonite and a baked border on adakitic monzonite (Fig. 3b). The quartz-monzonite is reddish and fine- to medium-grained and consists of plagioclase (*c.* 40%), K-feldspar (*c.* 30%), amphibole (*c.* 15%), quartz (*c.* 10%) and minor accessory minerals (Fig. 4a). The granite is flesh pink in colour and fine- to medium-grained, with a mineral assemblage of plagioclase (*c.* 45%), K-feldspar (*c.* 30%), quartz (*c.* 20%) and minor accessory minerals (Fig. 4c). The granite intruded the serpentinite, resulting in silication of serpentinite in the contact zone (Fig. 3c, d).

3.c. Gabbro enclave

Gabbro (190629-02) is composed of clinopyroxene (*c.* 50%), plagioclase (*c.* 30%), amphibole (*c.* 10%) and minor accessory minerals (Fig. 4h).

4. Analytical methods

4.a. Zircon U–Pb dating

The mounts for zircon U–Pb dating were prepared at the Beijing Kuangyan Geoanalysis Laboratory Co. Ltd. Zircon grains were

separated by crushing, heavy liquid and magnetic techniques, then picked out and embedded in an epoxy mount, and polished to expose about half of the grains. Cathodoluminescence (CL) images of zircons were photographed by a Tescan Mira3 Scanning Electron Microscope at the Beijing Kuangyan Geoanalysis Laboratory Co. Ltd, to reveal their internal structures. The spots with no cracks and inclusions were selected on CL, reflected and transmitted images for dating. U–Pb dating was conducted on laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS) at the Key Laboratory of Regional Geology and Mineralization, Hebei GEO University, in Shijiazhuang. The system couples a quadrupole ICP-MS (THERMO-ICAPRQ) and 193-nm ArF Excimer laser (RESolution-LR) with Laurin Technic S155 sample chamber and GeoStar μ GISTM software. The ablation was taken under a designed condition with 29 μ m laser beam spot, 3 J cm^{-2} laser energy density and 8 Hz frequency. Zircon standard 91500 and Plesovice were used as an external standard (Sláma *et al.* 2008) and a secondary standard to monitor the deviation of measurement, respectively. Concentration calibrations were carried out using NIST 610 glass as an external standard and Si as an internal standard. Isotopic ratios and element concentrations of zircons were calculated using ICP-MS software DataCal (Liu *et al.* 2010). Concordia ages and diagrams were obtained using Isoplot/Ex 4.15 (Ludwig, 2012). The common lead was corrected using Common Lead Correction (ver. 3.15), following the method of Andersen (2002). Analytical data are presented on U–Pb Concordia diagrams with 2 σ errors.

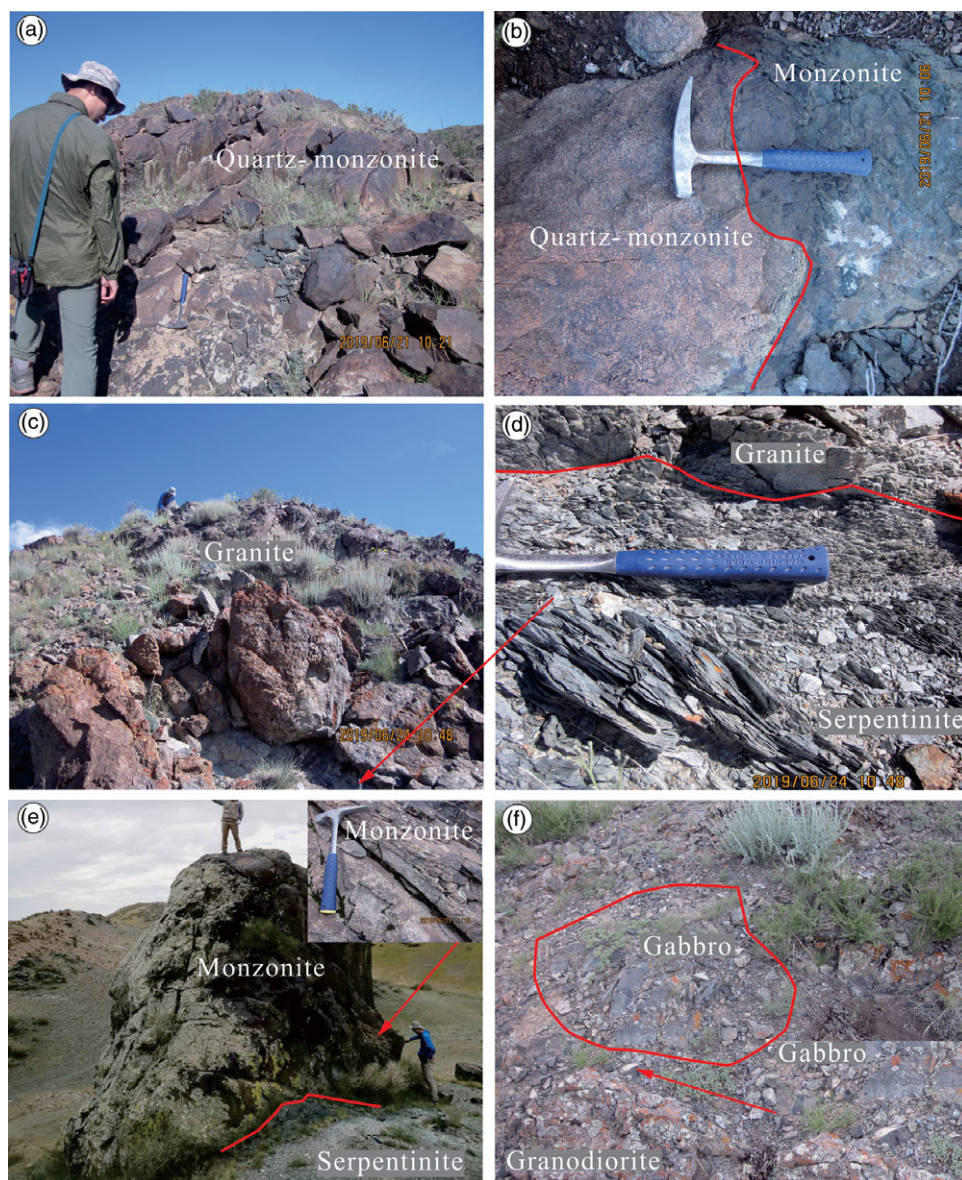


Fig. 3. (Colour online) Field photographs showing (a) Tangbale quartz-monzonite; (b) the relationship between quartz-monzonite and monzonite in Tangbale; the relationship between granite and serpentinite in the Saleinuohai (c, d); (e) Saleinuohai monzonite; and (f) granodiorite and gabbro enclave in the Tierekehuola.

4.b. Major- and trace-element compositions

Rock samples were carefully selected, crushed and then ground to less than 200 mesh (*c.* 80 μm). Major elements were analysed on ARL ADVANT' XP+, with 50 kV accelerating voltage and 50 mA accelerating current, at the Tianjin Institute of Geology and Mineral Resources of China Geological Survey. Chinese national standard samples GSR-1 and GSR-3 were used and analytical errors are better than 1%.

Trace element, including REE, analyses were performed by X series ICP-MS at the Tianjin Institute of Geology and Mineral Resources of China Geological Survey. For analyses, about 50 mg sample powder was dissolved in a mixture of HF and HNO₃ (2:1) in a screw-top Teflon beaker (Savillex) for 1 day at *c.* 190°C. After evaporation, the sample was refluxed in HNO₃ and dried twice, and finally re-dissolved in HNO₃. The procedure was repeated until complete dissolution. The data quality was monitored by five standard reference materials:

AGV-2, BCR-2, BHVO-2, BIR-1 and DNC-1. The analytical errors are 1–10% for trace elements, depending on the concentrations.

5. Results

5.a. Zircon U-Pb ages

Zircons from five igneous rocks were selected for LA-ICP-MS dating. A summary of age data is given in Table 1, and all the data are presented in online Supplementary Table S1 (available at <http://journals.cambridge.org/geo>) and representative CL images of zircon grains are shown in Figure 5. The zircon grains are colourless, transparent, euhedral and prismatic in shape, with 20–200 μm in width and 30–200 μm in length (Fig. 5), and most grains show well-developed oscillatory zones. Analyses with < 95% concordance are excluded from age calculations.

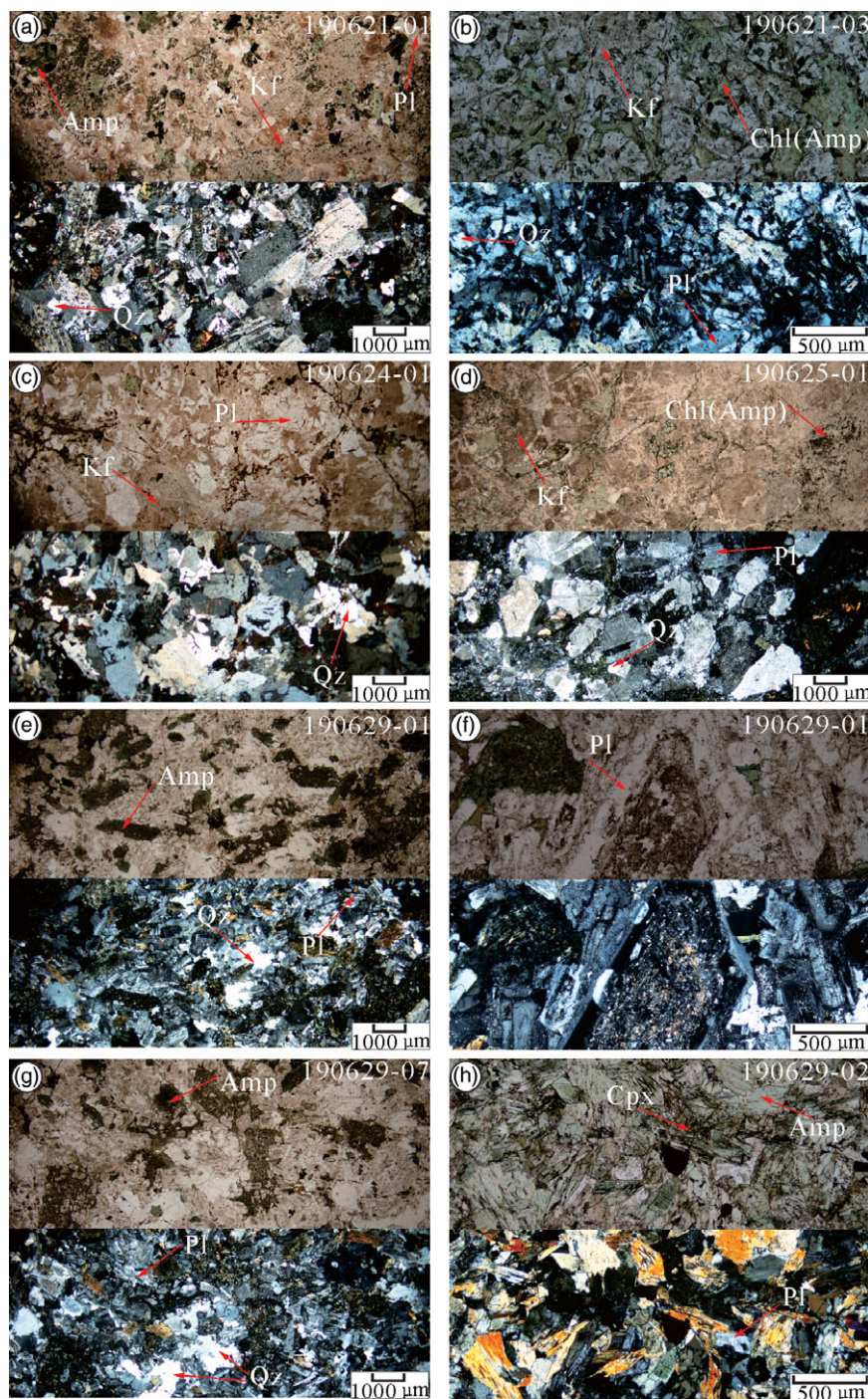


Fig. 4. (Colour online) Representative plane-polarized (upper part) and cross-polarized (lower part) photomicrographs of (a) Tangbale quartz-monzonite, (b) Tangbale monzonite, (c) Saleinuohai granite, (d) Saleinuohai monzonite, (e) Tierekehuola diorite, (f) plagioclase zoning in Tierekehuola diorite, (g) Tierekehuola granodiorite and (h) Tierekehuola gabbro. Amp – amphibole; Chl – chlorite; Cpx – clinopyroxene; Kf – potassium feldspar; Pl – plagioclase; Qz – quartz.

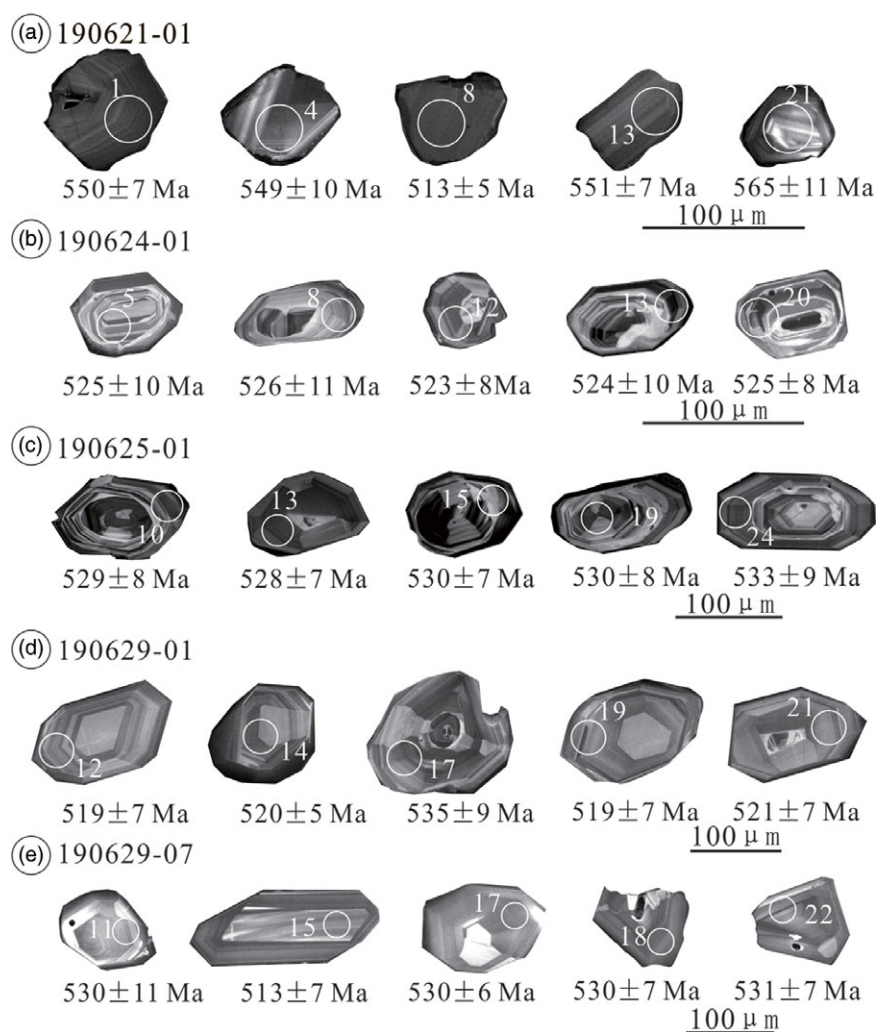
5.a.1. Adakitic group

A total of 24 zircon grains were dated for Saleinuohai monzonite (190625-01); their U and Th concentrations are in the ranges of 121–421 and 44–514 ppm, respectively, with Th/U ratios of 0.37–1.22. With the exception of one grain with a younger $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of 510 ± 8 Ma (No.18), the remaining 23 grains yield a concordant age of 529 ± 2 Ma (MSWD = 0.51; Fig. 6c).

For Tierekehuola diorite (190629-01), the dated 26 zircon grains have U and Th concentrations of 118–467 and 30–192 ppm, respectively, with Th/U ratios of 0.21–0.48. Spot 1 gives a younger $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of 512 ± 6 Ma, and spots 13 and 17 give older $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ages of 535 ± 6 and 535 ± 9 Ma, respectively. The other 23 grains yield a concordant age of 520 ± 1 Ma (MSWD = 0.41; Fig. 6d).

Table 1. Summary of zircon information. Con – concordant.

Rock type	Sample no.	Length L (μm)	Width W (μm)	L/W	Th (ppm)	U (ppm)	Th/U	Age (Ma)		
								Min	Max	Con
Quartz monzonite	190621-01	50–100	30–50	1–2	120–1465	164–1462	0.62–1.38	513	571	549
Granite	190624-01	30–100	20–80	1–2	38–1334	103–2198	0.34–0.65	523	541	524
Monzonite	190625-01	100–150	50–100	1–3	44–514	121–421	0.37–1.22	505	533	529
Diorite	190629-01	150–200	100–200	1–2	30–192	118–467	0.21–0.48	512	535	520
Granodiorite	190629-07	80–200	80–100	1–3	27–158	122–442	0.21–0.42	511	532	530

**Fig. 5.** (Colour online) Representative cathodoluminescence (CL) images of zircon grains and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ages.

A total of 21 analyses for Tierenkehuola granodiorite (190629-07) are valid and their U and Th concentrations vary over 122–421 and 27–158 ppm, respectively, with Th/U ratios of 0.21–0.42. With the exception of one grain with a younger $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of 513 ± 7 Ma (No.15), the other 20 grains yield a concordant age of 530 ± 2 Ma (MSWD = 0.21).

The concordant ages above show that the adakitic rocks were formed at 530–520 Ma.

5.a.2. Non-adakitic group

A total of 21 valid analyses from Tangbale quartz-monzonite (190621-01) show large variations in U and Th concentrations, varying over 164–1462 and 120–1465 ppm, respectively, with Th/U ratios of 0.62–1.38. Two grains give younger $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ages of 513 ± 5 (No. 8) and 514 ± 4 Ma (No. 15), and three grains have older $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ages of 571 ± 5 Ma (No. 9), 570 ± 8 Ma (No. 11) and 565 ± 5 Ma (No. 21). The other 16 grains yield a concordant age of

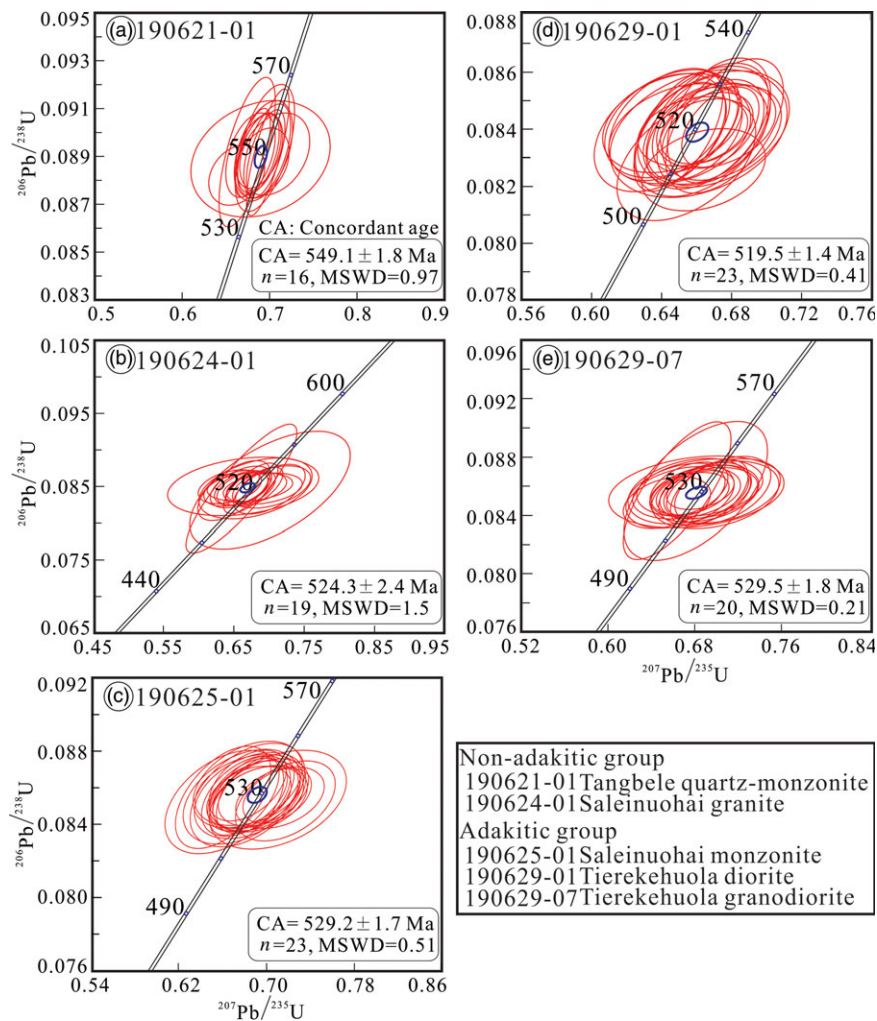


Fig. 6. (Colour online) U–Pb concordia diagrams for (a) Tangble quartz-monzonite, (b) Saleinuohai granite, (c) Saleinuohai monzonite, (d) Tierekehuola diorite and (e) Tierekehuola granodiorite. MSWD – mean square of weighted deviates. Zircon U–Pb data are provided in online Supplementary Table S1.

549 ± 2 Ma (MSWD = 0.97; Fig. 6a), which is considered as the crystallization age of the block.

For Saleinuohai granite (190624-01), 20 zircon grains were dated. They have U and Th concentrations of 103–2198 and 38–1334 ppm, respectively, with Th/U ratios of 0.34–0.65. With the exception of one analysis with an older $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ of 541 ± 9 Ma (No.16), the other 19 grains yield a concordant age of 524 ± 2 Ma (MSWD = 0.15; Fig. 6b), which represents the crystallization age of the granite.

5.b. Whole-rock elemental chemistry

The chemical compositions of four adakitic and two non-adakitic igneous rocks and one gabbro enclave are presented in Table 2.

5.b.1. Adakitic group

The samples have 58.90–64.51 wt% SiO_2 , 15.11–17.66 wt% Al_2O_3 , 2.65–4.72 wt% MgO and 0.45–1.57 wt% K_2O , with Mg no. = 46–60 and $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O} = 0.17$ –0.33, showing the compositional features of low-K tholeiitic and calc-alkaline series (Fig. 7c). They are metaluminous to peraluminous (Fig. 7b), with A/CNK ($\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{CaO} + \text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O})$ mol%) and A/NK ($\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O})$ mol%) values ranging over 0.88–1.07 and 1.28–2.78, respectively.

The adakitic group is characterized by relatively high Sr (300–663 ppm) and low Y (6.68–11.2 ppm) and heavy rare earth elements (HREEs) ($\text{Yb} = 0.74$ –1.63 ppm), with $\text{Sr}/\text{Y} = 40$ –84 (Table 2). They have relatively low REE concentrations of 41.59–69.72 ppm and show light REE (LREE) enrichment ($(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N = 5.13$ –10.24), with slightly negative Ce ($\delta_{\text{Ce}} = 0.84$ –0.96) and positive Eu anomalies ($\delta_{\text{Eu}} = 1.06$ –1.26) (Fig. 8a), and they show similar large-ion lithophile element (LILE) enrichment and Nb, Ta, Zr and Hf depletion, with varying Ti depletion (Fig. 8b).

5.b.2. Non-adakitic group

The quartz-monzonite has 61.54–63.10 wt% SiO_2 , 15.33–15.76 wt% Al_2O_3 , 1.80–1.97 wt% MgO and 3.87–3.88 wt% K_2O , with Mg no. = 36–40 and $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O} = 0.92$ –0.94. It is high-K calc-alkaline series (Fig. 7c) and metaluminous ($\text{A}/\text{CNK} = 0.91$ –0.92; $\text{A}/\text{NK} = 1.40$ –1.41; Fig. 7b). By contrast, the granite is high in SiO_2 (71.29–77.42 wt%), low in Al_2O_3 (12.36–12.44 wt%), MgO (0.88–1.06 wt%) and $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O} = 0.63$ –0.77, with similar Mg no. = 38–41 and K_2O (3.02–3.41 wt%) to the quartz-monzonite. It belongs to calc-alkaline series (Fig. 7c) and is peraluminous ($\text{A}/\text{CNK} = 1.06$; $\text{A}/\text{NK} = 1.13$; Fig. 7b).

Table 2. Major (wt%) and trace element (ppm) results of the igneous rocks

	Non-adakitic group						Adakitic group											
	190621-01			190624-01			190621-03		190625-01			190629-01			190629-07		190629-02	
	Quartz monzonite			Granite			Monzonite		Monzonite			Diorite			Granodiorite		Gabbro enclave	
	a	b	c	a	b		a	b	a	b	c	a	b	c	a	b	a	b
SiO ₂	63.10	62.75	61.54	74.40	74.41	58.90	59.77	57.61	57.97	58.57	60.22	60.25	62.81	63.43	64.51	49.80	50.08	
TiO ₂	0.51	0.54	0.56	0.32	0.30	0.68	0.70	0.54	0.53	0.47	0.44	0.45	0.42	0.40	0.33	0.51	0.53	
Al ₂ O ₃	15.33	15.47	15.76	12.44	12.36	16.71	16.45	17.66	16.94	16.97	16.64	16.93	16.55	15.11	15.43	9.17	9.69	
Fe ₂ O ₃ ^T	5.94	6.03	6.70	2.69	2.80	6.41	6.18	5.92	6.13	6.02	7.70	7.47	6.26	6.42	6.21	11.46	10.94	
MnO	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.12	0.08	0.15	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.21	0.20	
MgO	1.97	1.80	1.88	1.06	0.88	4.52	4.32	4.24	4.44	4.72	3.29	3.17	2.65	2.78	2.75	15.11	14.81	
CaO	3.15	3.07	3.34	0.40	0.39	3.25	3.52	3.60	3.19	3.17	5.36	5.43	4.39	6.49	5.86	9.82	9.45	
Na ₂ O	4.13	4.16	4.24	4.74	4.39	5.98	6.41	7.14	7.11	6.91	3.33	3.34	3.74	2.91	3.34	1.71	1.81	
K ₂ O	3.87	3.87	3.88	3.02	3.41	1.34	1.14	1.47	1.42	1.57	1.08	1.05	1.25	0.59	0.45	0.31	0.35	
P ₂ O ₅	0.27	0.24	0.24	0.06	0.06	0.17	0.18	0.16	0.17	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.18	
LOI	1.62	1.98	1.76	0.82	0.91	1.94	1.23	1.55	1.79	1.38	1.61	1.60	1.68	1.61	0.86	1.74	1.95	
Total	99.99	100.01	100.00	100.01	99.99	100.01	99.99	100.01	100.01	100.00	99.98	100.00	100.01	100.01	100.00	100.00	99.99	
Mg no.	40	37	36	41	38	58	58	58	59	60	46	46	46	46	47	72	73	
A/NK	1.40	1.40	1.41	1.13	1.13	1.48	1.40	1.32	1.28	1.31	2.50	2.55	2.21	2.78	2.58	—	—	
A/CNK	0.92	0.93	0.91	1.06	1.06	0.97	0.90	0.89	0.89	0.91	1.02	1.03	1.07	0.88	0.93	—	—	
Sc	12.50	14.10	14.80	10.60	11.55	13.20	17.51	16.40	18.80	14.27	22.02	19.30	15.20	17.06	15.32	36.11	35.43	
V	95.40	118	122	13.20	12.60	113	121	122	128	140	184	173	138	138	134	236	246	
Cr	8.33	9.23	9.54	1.30	0.80	89.90	96.50	93.27	97.40	94.35	8.02	11.80	5.49	7.14	6.75	1360	1120	
Co	10.71	11.22	11.40	2.52	2.22	17.01	17.80	9.78	8.21	8.33	16.20	15.03	13.06	13.50	13.40	48.60	45.40	
Ni	6.11	7.92	7.52	1.15	0.83	71.90	75.04	73.41	79.69	78.89	7.42	6.97	5.20	5.96	5.57	288	231	
Cu	40.21	28.11	23.84	6.08	3.29	48.93	48.20	41.51	30.80	50.24	31.90	93.22	46.84	4.69	3.69	12.09	52.80	
Zn	62.41	57.40	59.12	60.22	38.51	65.03	64.10	71.60	71.23	76.31	71.04	60.21	55.33	36.41	34.73	92.33	90.52	
Ga	15.31	15.03	15.21	11.94	10.91	16.32	16.71	13.05	13.41	14.56	15.30	14.30	13.11	11.40	10.74	10.80	10.53	
Rb	33.80	27.90	31.01	20.02	24.90	8.85	8.34	5.80	6.33	6.01	11.70	8.76	8.36	5.46	4.62	3.69	3.95	
Sr	212	330	360	150	158	300	591	470	498	488	520	473	463	660	584	149	214	
Y	21.30	22.03	22.70	16.80	13.20	6.68	7.03	6.20	8.40	7.20	12.20	11.80	8.68	9.82	10.10	8.07	8.77	
Zr	132	146	143	104	104	56.51	55.82	63.52	61.31	64.21	60.55	65.20	52.72	48.54	44.53	29.23	34.91	
Nb	4.31	3.81	3.82	3.87	3.59	1.68	1.67	1.88	1.98	1.99	1.64	1.56	1.64	1.40	1.13	0.91	1.06	
Cs	0.33	0.12	0.11	6.94	7.48	0.99	0.07	0.16	0.09	0.11	1.22	1.01	1.29	0.19	0.23	0.40	0.39	

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Table 2. (Continued)

	Non-adakitic group						Adakitic group											
	190621-01			190624-01			190621-03		190625-01			190629-01			190629-07		190629-02	
	Quartz monzonite			Granite			Monzonite		Monzonite			Diorite			Granodiorite		Gabbro enclave	
	a	b	c	a	b		a	b	a	b	c	a	b	c	a	b	a	b
Ba	862	866	904	1220	1180		554	326	413	620	601	1010	858	912	1100	780	239	228
Hf	4.25	4.43	4.54	3.60	3.66		2.05	2.02	2.12	2.07	2.18	2.05	2.16	1.70	1.63	1.48	1.09	1.27
Ta	0.24	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.22		0.13	0.13	0.14	0.12	0.15	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06
Pb	3.39	4.64	4.74	7.22	3.83		2.07	4.11	2.01	3.07	4.21	2.07	1.85	1.90	1.44	1.09	0.42	0.61
Th	3.69	2.88	2.94	2.54	2.42		0.89	0.97	0.99	1.07	1.21	1.90	1.82	1.68	1.63	1.19	0.94	1.13
U	1.82	1.40	1.40	1.18	1.44		0.40	0.45	0.59	0.81	0.76	0.81	0.85	0.50	0.79	0.78	0.37	0.53
La	28.70	23.50	23.40	23.70	14.60		6.46	7.53	8.20	7.90	8.50	12.01	11.02	8.08	12.03	9.76	9.55	9.32
Ce	63.50	41.90	51.40	46.01	27.70		14.50	15.10	15.50	16.90	18.91	23.30	21.70	14.50	22.90	20.40	20.02	19.60
Pr	8.68	6.78	6.77	6.72	4.43		2.14	2.43	2.70	3.14	3.55	3.66	3.44	2.59	3.50	3.04	3.59	3.62
Nd	33.71	27.82	27.81	27.50	18.41		9.63	10.90	10.13	10.81	11.40	15.80	14.93	11.22	14.60	13.41	16.41	16.82
Sm	6.25	5.66	5.80	5.44	3.86		2.11	2.35	2.55	2.49	2.63	3.38	3.35	2.45	3.04	2.96	3.54	3.76
Eu	1.68	1.51	1.55	1.17	1.03		0.81	0.81	0.88	0.89	0.88	1.21	1.12	0.97	1.13	1.04	1.01	1.04
Gd	5.40	4.95	5.09	4.48	3.19		1.83	1.97	1.76	1.88	1.98	3.02	2.97	2.17	2.79	2.66	2.81	2.94
Tb	0.83	0.81	0.83	0.72	0.54		0.29	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.36	0.48	0.46	0.33	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.43
Dy	4.58	4.50	4.64	4.04	3.14		1.55	1.63	1.41	1.62	1.66	2.66	2.57	1.85	2.16	2.18	2.01	2.19
Ho	0.90	0.90	0.92	0.79	0.63		0.29	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.52	0.51	0.37	0.42	0.42	0.36	0.40
Er	2.72	2.69	2.76	2.39	1.98		0.80	0.84	0.89	0.88	0.89	1.56	1.48	1.08	1.22	1.24	1.02	1.11
Tm	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.38	0.33		0.12	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.24	0.23	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.14	0.16
Yb	2.92	2.84	2.89	2.49	2.32		0.74	0.76	0.82	0.81	0.83	1.63	1.54	1.13	1.24	1.26	0.91	1.01
Lu	0.47	0.46	0.46	0.40	0.38		0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.26	0.25	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.14	0.16
REE	160.76	124.73	134.75	126.22	82.53		41.59	45.17	41.70	48.10	52.16	69.72	65.52	47.08	65.78	59.15	61.86	62.54
Nb/La	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.25		0.26	0.22	0.22	0.25	0.23	0.14	0.14	0.20	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.11
La _N /Yb _N	7.05	5.94	5.81	6.83	4.52		8.73	9.91	10.01	9.75	10.24	5.28	5.13	5.13	6.94	5.56	7.53	6.62
Eu*	0.86	0.85	0.85	0.70	0.87		1.23	1.12	1.20	1.23	1.13	1.14	1.06	1.26	1.17	1.11	0.95	0.92

Mg no. = $100 \times (\text{MgO}/40.3)/[\text{MgO}/40.3 + (0.9 \times \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^{\text{T}}/71.85)]$; $\text{Eu}^* = 2\text{Eu}_N/(\text{Sm}_N + \text{Gd}_N)$.

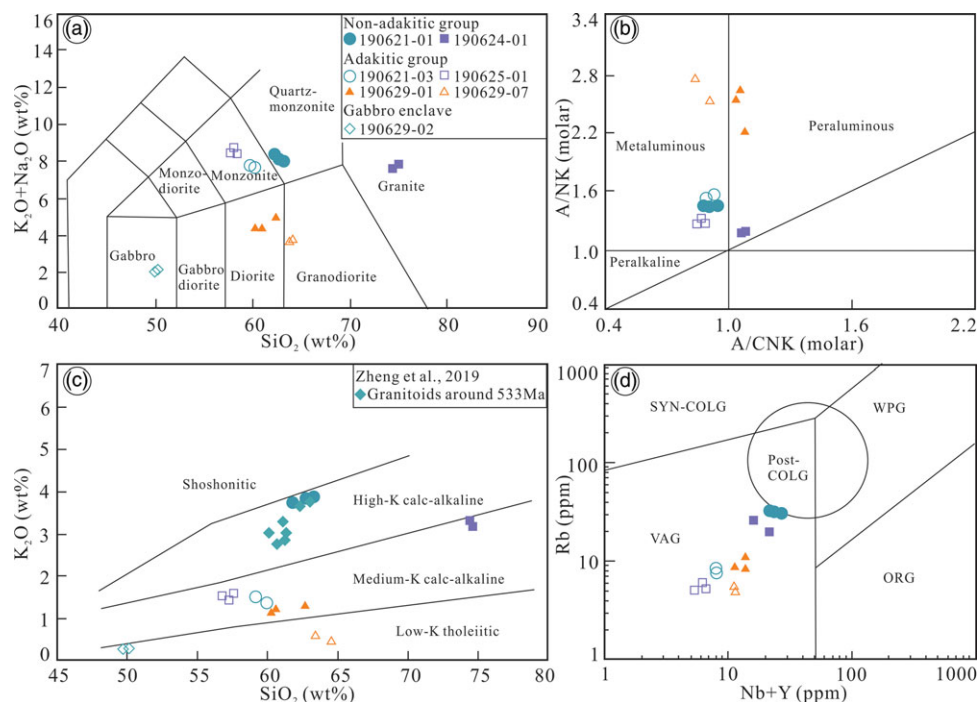


Fig. 7. (Colour online) (a) TAS diagram for the adakitic and non-adakitic rocks and gabbro enclave (after Middlemost *et al.* 1994); (b) A/NK versus A/CNK diagram showing that the adakitic and non-adakitic rocks are metaluminous to peraluminous (after Maniar & Piccoli, 1989); (c) K_2O versus SiO_2 diagram for the adakitic and non-adakitic rocks and gabbro (after Peccerillo & Taylor, 1976); and (d) Rb versus (Nb+Y) diagram showing that the adakitic and non-adakitic rocks are in VAG field (after Pearce *et al.* 1984). ORG – oceanic ridge granites; Post-COLG – post-collisional granites; Syn-COLG – syn-collisional granite; VAG – volcanic arc granites; WPG – within-plate granites.

The quartz-monzonite and granite have similar trace-element features. They are characterized by higher Y (13.2–22.7 ppm) and HREE ($Yb = 2.32$ – 2.92 ppm), lower Sr/Y (9–16) than the adakitic group and total REE concentrations of 82.5–160.8 ppm (Table 2). The non-adakitic group has similar REE and trace-element patterns as the adakitic group, but they have negative Eu anomalies ($\delta_{Eu} = 0.70$ – 0.87), less LREE enrichment ($(La/Yb)_N = 4.52$ – 7.05) and stronger Ti depletion (Fig. 8c, d).

5.b.3. Gabbro enclave

The gabbro is characterized by low Al_2O_3 (9.17–9.69 wt%) and K_2O (0.31–0.35 wt%) and high MgO (14.81–15.11 wt%), with Mg no. = 72–73 and $K_2O/Na_2O = 0.18$ – 0.19 . It has low REE contents of 61.9–62.5 ppm, with slightly negative Eu ($\delta_{Eu} = 0.92$ – 0.95) and Ce ($\delta_{Ce} = 0.83$ – 0.85) anomalies (Fig. 8c) and fractionated REE patterns ($(La/Yb)_N = 6.62$ – 7.53). The gabbro enclave contains relatively high Cr (1120–1360 ppm), Ni (231–288 ppm), Co (45–48 ppm) and V (236–246 ppm) concentrations, and shows significant Nb, Ta, Zr, Hf and Ti depletion and Ba and U enrichment (Fig. 8d).

6. Discussion

The adakitic and non-adakitic igneous rocks are usually small in size (area of 50–600 m²) and occur mostly as isolated blocks, but the Tangbale adakitic monzonite is intruded by the Tangbale non-adakitic quartz-monzonite at 549 Ma, implying that the former was formed earlier. Similarly, the Saleinuohai adakitic monzonite was formed at 529 Ma, also earlier than the Saleinuohai non-adakitic granite at 524 Ma, but the emplacement of the adakitic granodiorite in Tierenkehuola at 530 Ma was followed by the adakitic diorite at 520 Ma. In addition, the gabbro enclave was trapped by the adakitic granodiorite at 530 Ma. Locally, the adakitic rocks were formed earlier

than the non-adakitic ones. Spatially, the igneous rocks show a progressively N-wards younger trend from Tangbale to Tierenkehuola.

6.a. Petrogenesis

6.a.1. Adakitic group

These rocks are characterized by SiO_2 (57.61–64.51 wt%) and Al_2O_3 (15.11–17.66 wt%), with Mg no. = 46–60, relatively high Sr (300–663 ppm), Sr/Y (40–84) and Cr/Ni (1.06–1.69), and relatively low HREE ($Yb = 0.74$ – 1.63 ppm) and Y (6.68–12.2 ppm), which are typical of adakite (Figs 9a, 10c, d; Defant & Drummond, 1990) and high- SiO_2 adakite (Martin *et al.* 2005; Konopelko *et al.* 2021). The adakite may be generated by (1) partial melting of subducted oceanic crust with or without contribution from mantle wedge (Defant & Drummond, 1990; Martin *et al.* 2005; Zhu *et al.* 2009; Wu *et al.* 2015); (2) assimilation and fractional crystallization of basaltic magma (Defant & Drummond, 1990; Zhou *et al.* 2006); (3) partial melting of thickened or delaminated lower crust (Petford & Atherton, 1996; Ernst, 2010); or (4) mixing of felsic and basaltic magmas (Streck *et al.* 2007).

For the Ediacaran–Cambrian adakitic rocks in southern West Junggar region, their high Ni (> 5.5 ppm) and Mg no. (> 46) and low K_2O (< 1.5 wt%) and Rb/Sr (< 0.03) are different from those of the adakite generated by partial melting of thickened lower crust (Rapp & Watson, 1995; Skjerlie & Patiño Douce, 2002; Liu *et al.* 2018). Moreover, their REE and trace-element features, especially low Th (< 2 ppm), are not consistent with lower-crust-derived adakitic rocks (Hou *et al.* 2004; Wang *et al.* 2005; Zhou *et al.* 2006). Additionally, the adakitic rocks show no differential trends of basaltic magma, such as decreasing Mg no., Dy/Yb and Y with increasing SiO_2 (Ma *et al.* 2013), or Mg no. > 60 for mantle-derived adakites (Martin *et al.* 2005; Zhang *et al.* 2010).

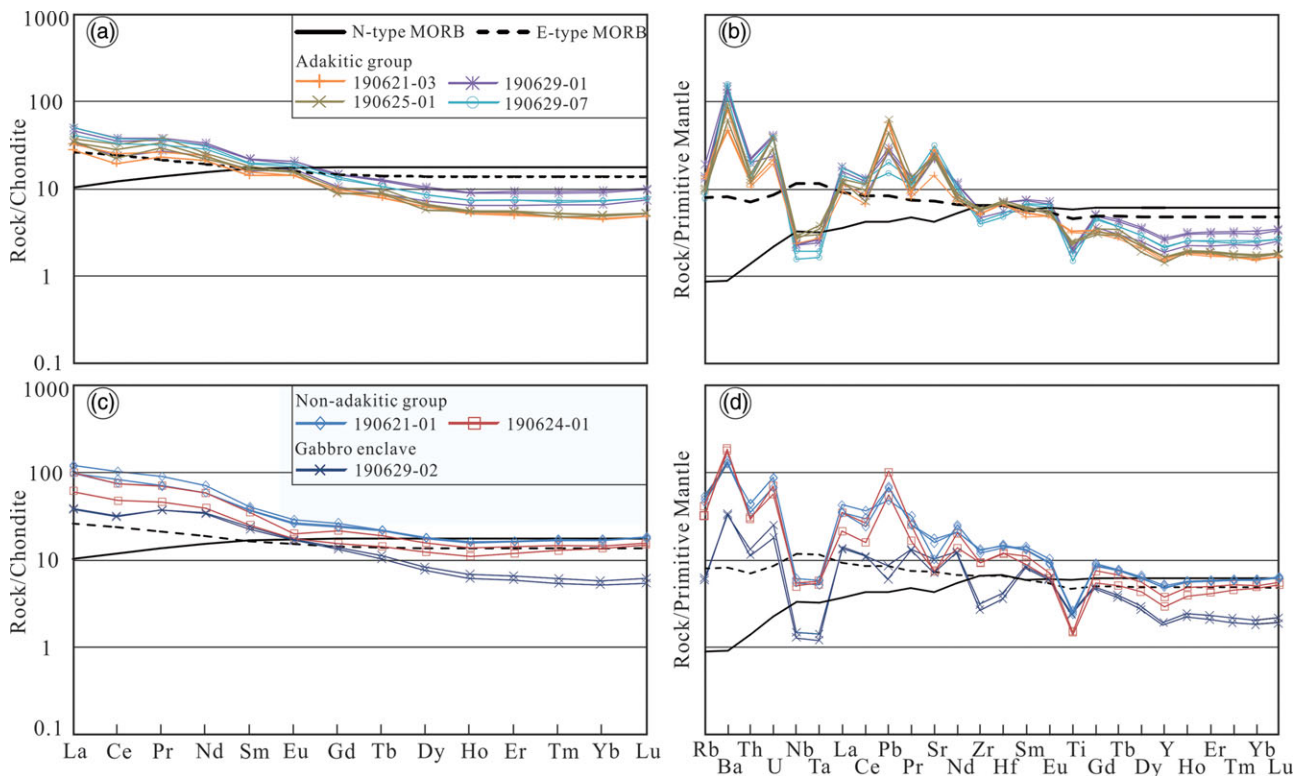


Fig. 8. (Colour online) Chondrite-normalized REE patterns and primitive-mantle-normalized trace-element spider diagrams of (a, b) the adakitic rocks, (c) the non-adakitic rocks and (d) gabbro. Chondrite, primitive mantle, N-MORB and E-MORB values are from Sun & McDonough (1989).

In addition to the similarities to those of the adakites derived from subducted oceanic crust (i.e. Mg no. > 46, Cr > 6 ppm and Ni > 5.5 ppm) (Smithies, 2000; Zhang *et al.* 2010; Ma *et al.* 2013; Liu *et al.* 2019), their low K_2O (< 1.5 wt%), relatively uniform K_2O/Na_2O (0.13–0.35) and high CaO/Al_2O_3 (0.2–0.42) resemble the oceanic-crust-derived adakites (Fig. 11) with K_2O/Na_2O (< 0.7) and high CaO/Al_2O_3 (> 0.2) (Martin *et al.* 2005; Ma *et al.* 2013; Wu *et al.* 2015; Zhang *et al.* 2019). The high- SiO_2 adakitic rocks could be derived from young subducted oceanic crust (Martin *et al.* 2005; Konopelko *et al.* 2021), similar to the Cook Island adakites derived from oceanic slab (Fig. 10a; Stern & Kilian, 1996).

The low Mg no. (< 45) adakites may result from partial melting of basalt (Rapp *et al.* 1999), but their Mg no. and Cr and Ni concentrations will increase if components from the mantle wedge were significantly incorporated into the melt derived from the subducting oceanic crust (Fig. 9a; Rapp & Watson, 1995; Tsuchiya *et al.* 2005; Wu *et al.* 2015). The interaction of the mantle wedge and slab melt might be the cause for high Mg no. (58–60), Cr (89.9–97.4 ppm) and Ni (71.9–79.7 ppm) in the Tangbale and Saleinuohai monzonites (Fig. 10b), but the Tierenkehuola diorite and granodiorite were mainly formed from the slab melt, with little contribution from the mantle wedge (Fig. 10b).

The adakitic rocks show Sr enrichment and slightly positive Eu anomalies (Fig. 8), suggesting that plagioclase could not be a residual phase in the source, and their Y and HREE depletion (Fig. 8) might be caused by garnet and/or amphibole residues in the source (Defant & Kapezhinskis, 2001; Martin *et al.* 2005). The residual garnet and amphibole in the source could result in fractionated HREE patterns with $Y/Yb > 10$ and flat HREE patterns with $Y/Yb < 10$ in the melts, respectively (Ge *et al.* 2002).

The adakitic rocks with $Y/Yb = 7–10$ might result from a residual amphibole source (Zhou *et al.* 2006; Ashraf *et al.* 2019), but the Tangbale and Saleinuohai monzonites with $Y/Yb = 9–10$ were derived from a minor residual garnet source that would be deeper than a residual amphibole source for the Tierenkehuola diorite and granodiorite with $Y/Yb = 7–8$ (Fig. 10d, Zhou *et al.* 2006).

In addition, subduction-related magmas may be modified by subducted sediments and/or slab-derived fluids that are mainly composed of the seawater in the altered and cracked oceanic crust (Elburg *et al.* 2002; Wu *et al.* 2015; Bellot *et al.* 2018). The slab-derived fluids are typically enriched in Ba, Rb, Sr, U and Pb, whereas subducted sediments usually have high Th and LREE contents (Hawkesworth *et al.* 1997). The subducted sediments could result in increasing Th contents up to *c.* 20 ppm and Th/Yb ratios > 2 in subduction-related magmas, in contrast with low Th contents and $Th/Yb < 1$ in the magmas predominantly affected by slab-derived fluids (Nebel *et al.* 2007). Because of low Th contents (< 2 ppm) and Th/Yb ratios (< 1.3) in the adakitic rocks, the magmas might be predominantly affected by slab-derived fluids. The fluids released from subducted slab first fertilize the mantle wedge, and then the ascending melts are interacted with the mantle wedge and modified by the fluids. The slightly negative Ce anomalies of the adakites may therefore be caused by the subducted seawater (Fig. 8a; Bellot *et al.* 2018).

Overall, the adakitic rocks were mainly the partial melts of subducted oceanic crust, but the melts were modified by mantle wedge and slab-derived fluids.

6.a.2. Non-adakitic group

The Tangbale quartz-monzonite and Saleinuohai granite are calc-alkaline to high-K calc-alkaline (Fig. 7c) and metaluminous to

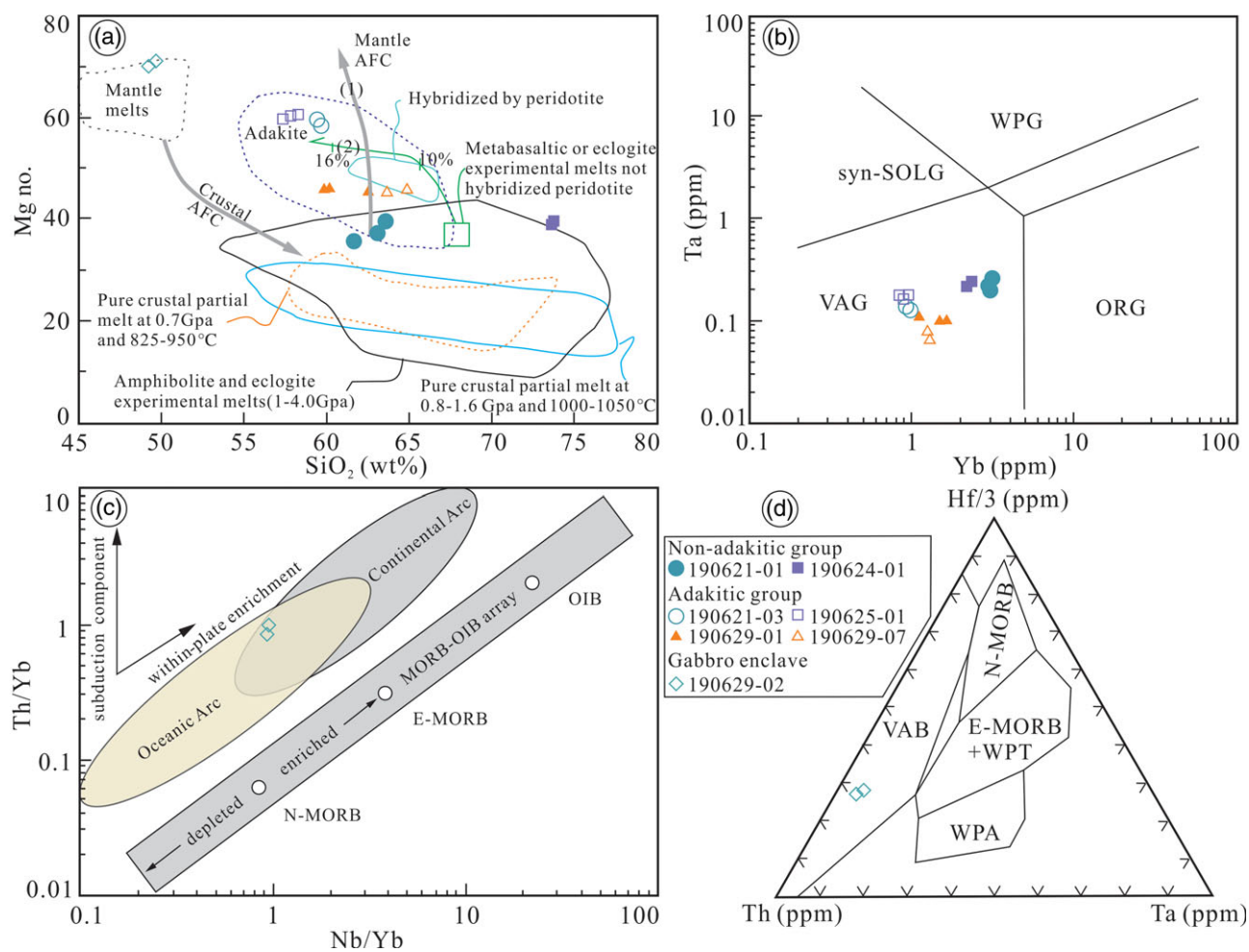


Fig. 9. (Colour online) (a) SiO₂ versus Mg no. diagram showing that gabbro plots in the field of mantle melts, and the adakitic and non-adakitic rocks plot in the field of adakite or amphibolite and eclogite experimental melts (after Cai *et al.* 2015). The field of adakite is after Wang *et al.* (2006). The field of pure crustal partial melt at 0.7 GPa and 825–950°C, amphibolite and eclogite experimental melts at 1–4 GPa and pure crustal partial melts at 0.8–1.6 GPa and 1000–1050°C are after Sen & Dunn (1994), Rapp (1995), Rapp & Watson (1995) and Sisson *et al.* (2005). The mantle AFC curves are after Stern & Kilian (1996) (1) and Rapp *et al.* (1999) (2). (b) Yb versus Ta diagram showing that the adakitic and non-adakitic rocks are in VAG field (after Pearce *et al.* 1984). (c) Nb/Yb versus Th/Yb (after Pearce, 2008). (d) Th–Hf–Ta (after Wood, 1980) diagrams showing the gabbro is likely formed as part of oceanic arc. VAB – volcanic-arc basalt; OIB – ocean-island basalt; WPT – within-plate tholeiite; WPA – within-plate alkali basalt; E-MORB – enriched mid-ocean-ridge basalt; N-MORB – normal mid-ocean-ridge basalt.

weak peraluminous (Fig. 7b), but they contain no Al-rich minerals or arc-related I-type granitoids.

The I-type granitoids in an intra-oceanic-arc system may be generated by: (1) partial melting of the middle or lower arc crust (Petford & Gallagher, 2001; Smith *et al.* 2003; Cai *et al.* 2015); (2) assimilation and fractional crystallization of mantle-derived magma (Chiaradia, 2009); or (3) mixing of crustal and mantle-derived magmas (Zhang *et al.* 2013; Yang *et al.* 2015b).

The non-adakitic granitoids have relatively low MgO (< 2 wt%) and Mg no. (< 41) (Table 2), different from those formed by assimilation and fractional crystallization of mantle-derived magmas with elevated MgO and Mg no. (Grove *et al.* 2003; Yang *et al.* 2019c). The non-adakitic granitoids show no differential trends of fractional crystallization of mantle-derived magma (Cai *et al.* 2015), and their Th contents (2.4–3.69 ppm) are also inconsistent with assimilation and fractional crystallization of mantle-derived magmas (Rapp & Watson, 1995; Cai *et al.* 2015). In addition, the non-adakitic granitoids contain no mafic enclaves or show no disequilibrium textures, implying that they could not result from the mixing of crustal and mantle-derived magmas.

However, their low Cr (< 10 ppm), Ni (< 8 ppm) and Mg no. (< 41), and high K₂O (> 3 wt%), Th (> 2.4 ppm) and Rb (> 20 ppm), Rb/Sr (> 0.1) and La/Ce (> 0.45) are similar to those of I-type granitoids derived from middle or lower arc crust (Rapp & Watson, 1995; Skjerlie & Patiño Douce, 2002). The non-adakitic granitoids are therefore similar to the I-type granitoids derived from partial melts of thickened lower crust (Cai *et al.* 2015) or amphibolite and eclogite at pressures of 1.0–4.0 GPa (Fig. 9a; Rapp *et al.* 1991; Rapp, 1995; Cai *et al.* 2015).

In a subduction setting, the slab-derived fluids could induce partial melting of the mantle-wedge, and the ascending melts could change the mechanical and thermal states at the base of the arc crust and provide abundant heat for partial melting of middle–lower arc crust (Petford & Gallagher, 2001; Smith *et al.* 2003; Ren *et al.* 2014). Chemically, the Saleinuohai granite with higher SiO₂ contents resembles the rhyolites with SiO₂ contents of 69–79 wt% in the Izu–Bonin arc, which were produced by dehydration melting of middle crust (Tamura & Tatsumi, 2002). The Tangbale quartz-monzonite with lower SiO₂ and higher Cr and Ni contents is more like the melts of lower arc crust in Kermadec (65–73 wt%;

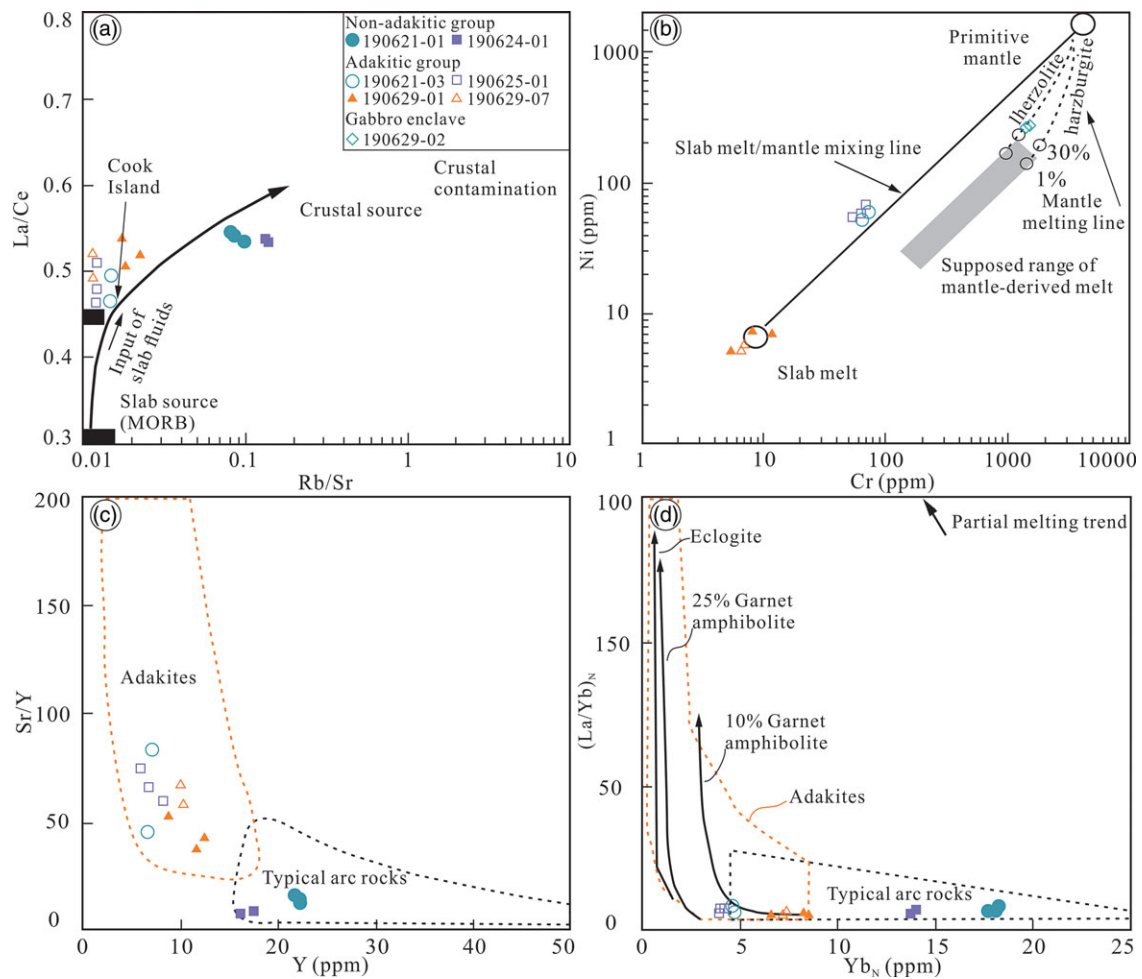


Fig. 10. (Colour online) (a) Rb/Sr versus La/Ce diagram showing that the adakitic and non-adakitic rocks are mainly slab- and crust-derived, respectively (after Hou *et al.* 2004). Data for the Cook Island adakite are from Stern & Kilian (1996). (b) Cr versus Ni diagram showing that mantle components were involved in the adakitic rocks (after Tsuchiya *et al.* 2005). (c) Y versus Sr/Y (after Defant & Drummond, 1990). (d) Yb_N versus (La/Yb)_N (after Martin, 1999). The partial melting trends are based on diagrams from Zhou *et al.* (2006) showing that the igneous tectonic blocks are adakites or typical arc rocks.

Smith *et al.* 2003) and South Sandwich (63–73 wt%; Leat *et al.* 2003). Experimentally, the melts have increasing Al₂O₃ and Sr concentrations and Sr/Y ratios and decreasing Y and HREE concentrations as pressure increases (Petford & Atherton, 1996). The Tangbale quartz-monzonite has relatively enriched LREE ((La/Yb)_N = 5.81–7.05) and flat HREE with Y/Yb = 7.6–7.8, suggesting no garnet in source (Fig. 10d; Ge *et al.* 2002; Zhu *et al.* 2009). The melts for the Tangbale quartz-monzonite were therefore derived from an amphibole-bearing protolith (Martin *et al.* 2005). By contrast, the Saleinuohai granite has lower Al₂O₃ (12.36–12.44 wt%), Sr (150–158 ppm), Sr/Y (9–11) and Y/Yb (5.8–6.7) than the Tangbale quartz-monzonite, suggesting that the source for the Saleinuohai granite was at a shallower depth.

The non-adakitic granitoids were therefore likely derived from partial melts of the middle–lower crust of an intra-oceanic arc, which was modified by subduction fluids (Leat *et al.* 2000; Nebel *et al.* 2007).

6.a.3. Gabbro enclave

The Tierেকেhuola gabbro is low K-tholeiitic (Fig. 7c), and has low TiO₂ (c. 0.5 wt%) and high Fe₂O₃ (c. 11 wt%) and MgO (c. 15 wt%), with Mg no. = 72–73; it could therefore not be formed by partial melting of lower crust (Fig. 9a; Rudnick & Gao, 2003; Feng *et al.*

2016). Its high Co (45.4–48.6 ppm), Ni (231–288 ppm), Cr (1120–1360 ppm) and V (236–246 ppm) concentrations are typical of mantle-derived magmas (Figs 9a, 10b) and its enriched LILEs and strongly depleted Nb, Ta, Zr and Hf (Fig. 8c, d) can be attributed to significant effects of slab-derived fluids (Th < 1.1 ppm, Nebel *et al.* 2007) on its source in the mantle wedge (Fig. 9c, d; Eiler *et al.* 2000; Grove *et al.* 2003; Yang *et al.* 2012a; Liu *et al.* 2020).

6.b. Tectonic implications

The adakitic and non-adakitic group rocks and gabbro enclave were all formed in an intra-oceanic arc setting (Figs 7d, 9b–d), as suggested by previous studies (Ren *et al.* 2014; Zheng *et al.* 2019; Liu *et al.* 2020).

6.b.1. Ediacaran initial subduction

The SSZ-type ophiolites are predominant in the Barleik–Mayile–Tangbale accretionary complexes (Yang *et al.* 2012a; Ren *et al.* 2014; Weng *et al.* 2016; Liu *et al.* 2020), and the oldest SSZ-type gabbro occurs within the Mayile ophiolitic mélange and was formed at 572 Ma (Yang *et al.* 2012a), coeval with the oldest arc diorite in the Tangbale accretionary complex (Zheng *et al.*

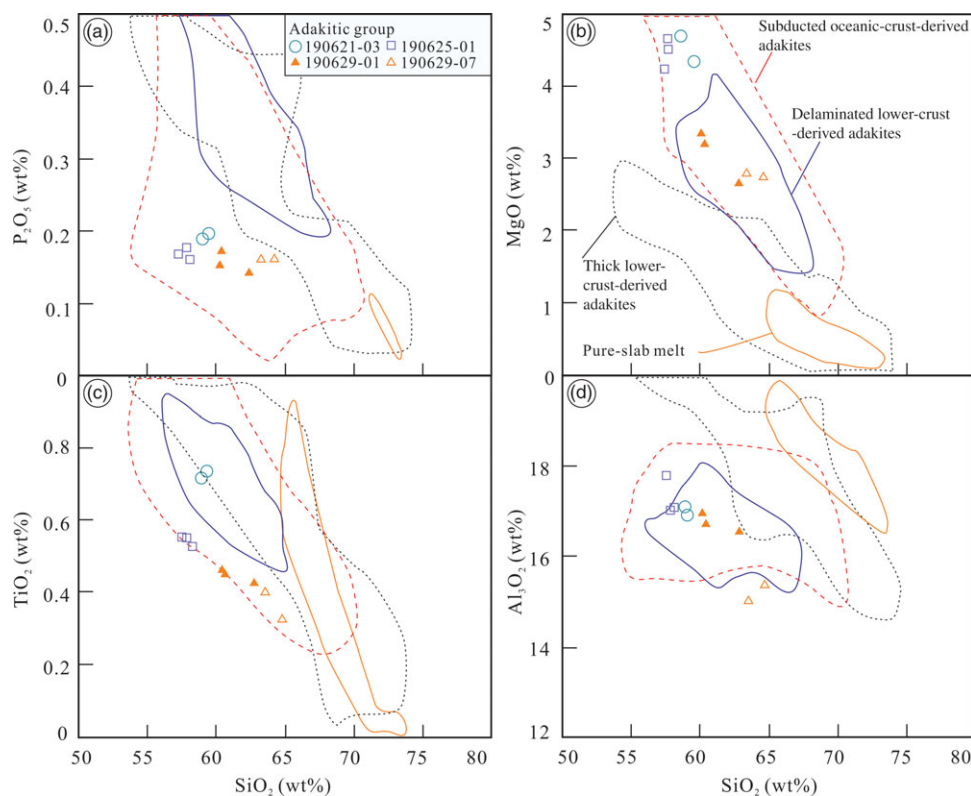


Fig. 11. (Colour online) SiO_2 versus (a) P_2O_5 , (b) MgO , (c) TiO_2 and (d) Al_2O_3 diagrams showing that the adakitic rocks are consistent with subducted oceanic-crust-derived adakites. The fields of subducted oceanic-crust-derived, delaminated lower-crust-derived and thick lower-crust-derived adakites and pure slab melt are after Wang *et al.* (2006).

2019). This probably suggests that the subduction of the Junggar Ocean was initiated not later than 572 Ma (Zheng *et al.* 2019; Liu *et al.* 2020).

Both of the Tangbale adakitic monzonite and non-adakitic quartz-monzonite show arc affinities, but the Tangbale monzonite is calc-alkaline and was formed during the Ediacaran Period, followed by the high-K calc-alkaline quartz-monzonite at 549 Ma (this study) and quartz-diorite at c. 533 Ma (Fig. 7c; Zheng *et al.* 2019). If the subduction of Junggar Ocean was initiated at 572 Ma (Zheng *et al.* 2019; Liu *et al.* 2020), the transition from low-K tholeiitic series to high-K calc-alkaline series of arc magmatism characterizes the increasing arc maturity (Ishizuka *et al.* 2011; Ren *et al.* 2014).

6.b.2. Cambrian slab rollback

The Ediacaran–Cambrian igneous rocks show a N-wards younger trend, with the oldest Tangbale calc-alkaline monzonite at > 549 Ma, the youngest Tierenkehuola low-K tholeiitic granodiorite at 530 Ma and the youngest Tierenkehuola calc-alkaline diorite at 520 Ma. For the Cambrian arc magmatism, the Tierenkehuola low-K tholeiitic granodiorite was formed at 530 Ma, earlier than the Saleinuohai calc-alkaline granite and monzonite at 529–524 Ma. This is the same as the across-arc compositional trend of tholeiitic to calc-alkaline with increasing distance from the trench (Tatsumi & Eggins, 1995; Ren *et al.* 2014), suggesting a S-directed subduction of oceanic lithosphere and a N-wards migration of arc magmatism. Such a temporal and spatial distribution of arc magmatism probably resulted from a N-wards rollback of the subducting slab during the Cambrian Period. Accordingly, late Cambrian adakitic and non-adakitic plutonic blocks in the

accretionary complexes of southern West Junggar (Xu *et al.* 2012; Ren *et al.* 2014; Zheng *et al.* 2019) and plagiogranite block in the North Balkhash mélangé, Central Kazakhstan (Degtyarev *et al.* 2021) may also have been formed during the slab rollback.

In summary, the S-directed subduction of the Junggar Ocean was initiated during the Ediacaran Period and resulted in the oldest SSZ-type ophiolite of 572 Ma (Yang *et al.* 2012a; Liu *et al.* 2020). The partial melting of subducted slab generated the adakitic rocks, followed by the partial melting of lower arc crust to form the non-adakitic rocks in an immature intra-oceanic arc (Fig. 12a). Possibly, the N-wards slab rollback and retreat of subduction zone occurred at c. 540 Ma, accompanied by the formation of younger SSZ-type ophiolites of 531 Ma (Jian *et al.* 2005; Weng *et al.* 2016). The Cambrian slab rollback induced the asthenospheric upwelling, which resulted in partial melting of the fluid-metamotized mantle-wedge to form the gabbro enclave as part of another immature arc. Afterwards, the partial melting of the oceanic slab and middle arc crust generated adakitic and non-adakitic magmas, respectively, and the gabbro enclave was wrapped by the adakitic pluton at 520–530 Ma (Fig. 12b).

7. Conclusions

- (1) New LA-ICP-MS zircon U–Pb dating confirms the presence of Ediacaran–Cambrian igneous rocks in southern West Junggar region, and they can be divided into adakitic and non-adakitic groups.
- (2) The adakitic rocks were generated by partial melting of subducted oceanic crust, but the melts were modified by mantle wedge and slab-derived fluids. The non-adakitic rocks were

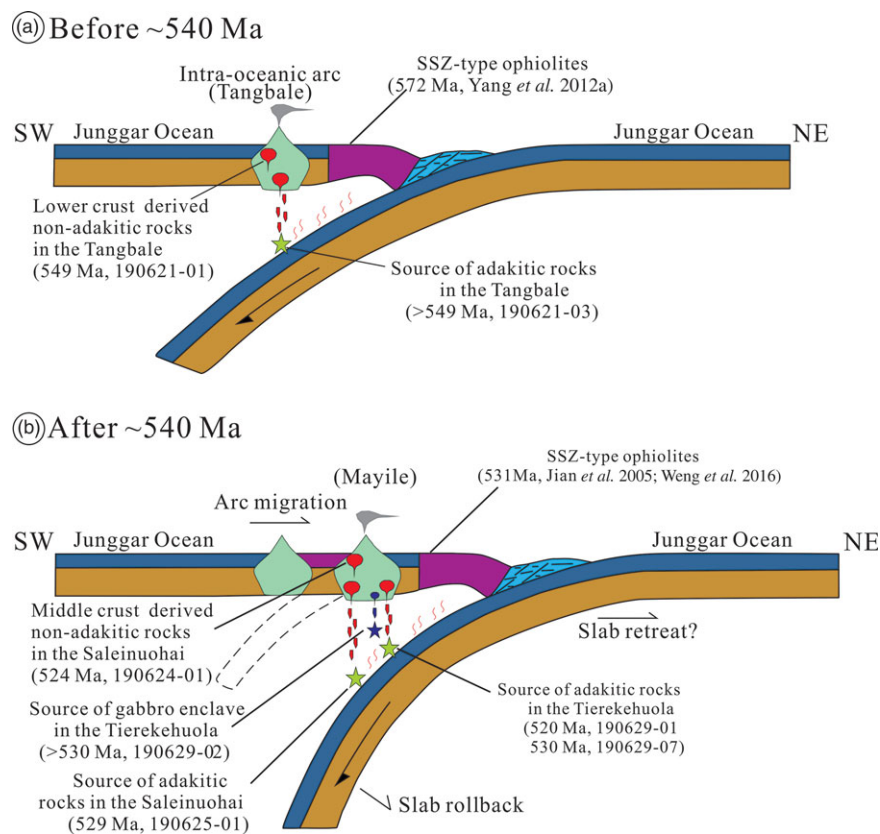


Fig. 12. (Colour online) A model for tectonic evolution of the Junggar Ocean during the Ediacaran–Cambrian periods.

derived from partial melts of the middle–lower crust of an intra-oceanic arc, which was modified by subduction fluids. In addition, the gabbro was formed as part of another immature arc by partial melting of the fluid-metasomatized mantle wedge and then wrapped by adakitic granodiorite at 530–520 Ma.

- (3) A N-wards younger trend of intra-oceanic arc magmatism could be generated by a process of Ediacaran initial subduction and Cambrian slab rollback of the Junggar Ocean.

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