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ESTABLISHING A PROTOCOL FOR THE SELECTION OF ZIRCON INCLUSIONS IN GARNET FOR RAMAN THERMOBAROMETRY

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Abstract

The structural and chemical properties of zircon inclusions in garnet megablasts from the Dora Maira Massif (Western Alps, Italy) were characterised in detail using Charge Contrast imaging, Raman spectroscopy and Laser Ablation Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry. The aim of this work is to determine to what extent the degree of metamictization, metamorphic recrystallization, inherent structural heterogeneity, chemical composition and zoning, along with the elastic stress imposed by the host mineral, can influence the Raman peak position of the zircon inclusion and hence, the residual pressure estimated via Raman geo-barometry. We show and confirm that metamictization and inherent structural heterogeneity have a major influence in the Raman spectra of zircon in terms of peak position and peak width. We suggest that for spectral resolution of 2 cm^{-1} the peak width of the B_{1g} mode near 1008 cm^{-1} of reliable grains must be smaller than 5 cm^{-1} . The method can be applied to both inherited igneous and newly formed Alpine metamorphic crystals.

28 By coupling structural and chemical information, we demonstrate that there are no significant
29 differences between the Raman spectra of zircon with oscillatory-zoned texture, formed during
30 magmatic crystallization, and those formed by fluid-induced Alpine (re)crystallization. The
31 discrimination between magmatic and metamorphic zircon based only on micro-textural constraints
32 is not robust. Finally, our results allow establishing a protocol devoted to the selection of reliable
33 buried zircon inclusions, relying only on Raman spectroscopic measurements, to use for elastic
34 thermobarometry applications.

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Introduction

39 Zircon is one of the most common accessory minerals in various igneous, sedimentary and
40 metamorphic rocks. Furthermore, due to its large stability field and its physical robustness, zircon
41 often hosts UHP metamorphic minerals such as coesite and diamond (Parkinson and Katayama, 1999;
42 Ye et al., 2000b; Hermann et al., 2001; Katayama and Maruyama, 2009). Zircon can be used for a
43 wide range of applications, including U-Pb geochronology, and potential use as a host phase for the
44 disposal of excess weapons-grade Pu, because of its capacity to incorporate radioactive elements,
45 (e.g. Ewing et al., 1995). Further, radiation-damaged zircon has been successfully applied as a model
46 system to elucidate the behaviour of partially ordered structures at high pressure and temperature
47 conditions (e.g. Colombo et al., 1999; Binviagnat et al. 2018).

48 A recent development in zircon petrology is its exploitation as a mineral inclusion in the frame of
49 Raman elastic thermobarometry (Campomenosi et al., 2018; Zhong et al. 2019). The main idea is that
50 the geochemical and isotopic information that can be obtained from zircon is complemented by elastic
51 thermobarometry of zircon and its host in order to retrieve P-T-time-fluid-deformation paths of
52 metamorphic and igneous rocks. For this new application, however, zircon composition and structural
53 metamictization due to the decay of radioactive elements such as U and Th within its crystal structure

54 has to be taken into account, because the radiation-induced structural changes can lead to large
55 variations in the Raman spectrum. Indeed, the Raman peaks of radiation-damaged crystals shift
56 towards lower wavenumbers, while the peak width increases with respect to pristine crystals taken as
57 reference (Rios et al. 2000; Colombo et al., 1999; Nasdala et al., 2001; Geisler and Pidgeon, 2002;
58 Binvignat et al, 2018). In this regard, useful diagrams such as peak width (Γ), in terms of *full width*
59 *at half maximum*, vs peak position of the major Raman peak near 1008 cm^{-1} (B_{1g} phonon mode related
60 to antisymmetric SiO_4 stretching) can be exploited to recognize the zircon crystals whose Raman
61 spectra is unaffected by metamictization processes and that can be safely used for elastic
62 thermobarometry purposes (e.g. Zhong et al. 2019). However, even though the degree of
63 metamictization is the main factor affecting the Raman spectra of zircon, it is not the only one.
64 Cathodoluminescence (CL) studies of zircon internal zoning (e.g. Rubatto and Gebauer, 2000, Corfu
65 et al. 2003) reveal that single crystals of zircon, particularly in metamorphic rocks, commonly show
66 a complex internal chemical and structural heterogeneity at the micrometer-scale. Furthermore,
67 variations in the Raman peak positions can be caused also by chemical substitution: a typical example
68 is Hf replacing Zr at the dodecahedral crystallographic site (e.g. Hoskin and Rodgers, 1996).

69 To address these problems we have chosen a particularly well-known sample suite from the
70 Dora Maira UHP unit (Western Alps, Italy), where garnet megablasts host abundant zircon inclusions.
71 We report micrometer-scale structural and chemical information of partially exposed zircon crystals
72 studied by complementary Raman spectroscopy, charge contrast (CC) imaging, and Laser Ablation
73 Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS). The purpose is (i) to determine
74 quantitatively how the structural and chemical heterogeneities of zircons can affect their Raman
75 spectrum and (ii) to propose a best-practice protocol for the selection of zircon inclusions suitable for
76 elastic thermobarometric estimations.

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Sample description

79 We selected exposed and buried zircon inclusions in garnet megablasts from the UHP
80 whiteschists of the Dora Maira Massif. The investigated samples come from the two major outcrops
81 of the Brossasco-Isasca Unit (e.g. Chopin, 1984): Vallone Gilba and Vallone Martiniana close to the
82 Case Fapina and Case Parigi localities, respectively. Several polished sections of about 350 microns
83 in thickness have been prepared from three different garnet megablasts (up to 15-20 cm in size).
84 Zircon crystals are included in garnet and kyanite and range in size from ~ 10 to 200 microns; they
85 are either single, isolated crystals or clusters of two or more inclusions. The shape of the inclusions
86 varies from rounded to elongated and almost idiomorphic with sharp corners and edges. Some of the
87 zircon crystals also host mineral inclusions such as rutile, coesite, sheet silicates and apatite, in
88 agreement with previous observations (e.g. Gautiez-Putallaz et al. 2016).

89 Previous results (Gebauer et al., 1997; Gautiez-Putallaz et al., 2016) suggested the existence
90 of two main zircon generations that can coexist within the same crystal in these rocks. The first one
91 records the crystallization of the Permian protolith (~275 Ma), while the second domain is Eocene in
92 age (35.1 ± 0.8 Ma) and related to metamorphism during the Alpine subduction. Chopin (1984) was
93 the first to constrain this metamorphic event at UHP conditions by finding coesite inclusions within
94 garnet. Optically single crystals of coesite inclusions have been found also in this study, especially
95 within the garnet neoblasts (SiO_2 saturated whiteschists). Within the garnet megablasts, rare coesite
96 inclusions have been found only at the external rim. More recent studies have constrained the
97 metamorphic peak conditions in the diamond stability field at about 4 – 4.3 GPa and 730 – 750 °C
98 (e.g. Hermann, 2003; Ferrando et al., 2009; Gautiez-Putallaz et al., 2016).

99 The selection of completely buried zircon inclusions follows the protocol given by
100 Campomenosi et al. (2018) for elastic barometry applications (i.e. small, similar in size, non-fractured
101 and isolated inclusions within the centre of a non-fractured host). On the other hand, the selection of
102 the exposed grains (about 60% of the total number of zircon inclusions present in the samples) was
103 based on criteria such as variable size of the inclusion and of the surrounding intact host (the *effective*
104 host), exposure degree of the inclusions (optically estimated in terms of the ratio between the exposed

105 and buried inclusion surface) and presence of fractures or any other kind of discontinuity in both the
106 host and the inclusion.

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Analytical methods

109 Exposed zircon inclusions were investigated by CC imaging first and Raman spectroscopy
110 later to obtain textural and structural information, and finally by LA-ICP-MS for the chemical
111 composition.

112 CC images were acquired with a ZEISS EV050 scanning electron microscope at the Institute of
113 Geological Sciences, University of Bern, at low vacuum conditions (18 Pa), 12 kV, a beam current
114 of 100 mA and a working distance of 9.5 mm. CC images were obtained from well-polished,
115 uncoated samples. It has been demonstrated that CC images correlate exactly to cathodoluminescence
116 images and result from the complex interaction between the electron beam, the positive ions generated
117 by electron-gas interactions in the chamber, a biased detector, and the sample (Griffin et al. 2000;
118 Watt et al. 2000). Internal check in the Bern laboratory confirmed that CC images are identical to
119 panchromatic cathodoluminescence images.

120 Raman measurements were collected with two different Horiba Jobin-Yvon spectrometers: a
121 T64000 triple-monochromator system operating in a subtractive mode and an Explora_Plus single-
122 monochromator spectrometer at the University of Hamburg and Genova, respectively. The first one
123 was equipped with a symphony LN₂-cooled CCD detector, 1800-gr/mm holographic gratings, an
124 Olympus BH-41 optical microscope and a Coherent Ar⁺ laser, whereas the second with a Peltier-
125 cooled CCD detector, a 2400 gr/mm grating, an Olympus BH-41 optical microscope, and Nd:YAG
126 solid state laser. In both cases, using a slit width of 100 microns, the spectral resolution was
127 approximately 2 cm⁻¹ (determined using the photoluminescence line of Sm: SrB₄O₇ for the T64000
128 and a Ne lamp for the Explora_Plus spectrometers) and therefore apparatus corrections of the peak
129 widths were not required (Nasdala et al. 2001). Sufficient acquisition times and a surface density of
130 the laser power were used to avoid sample overheating during the Raman measurements (Zhong et

131 al. 2019). The instrumental accuracy in the peak position determination was about 0.35 cm^{-1} for the
132 T64000 spectrometer and about 0.55 cm^{-1} for the Explora_Plus. These values refer to the half of the
133 spectral pixel-pixel distance, which results from several instrumental factors, including the CCD
134 detector array, groove density of gratings, and excitation-light wavelength.

135 However, both the instruments were manually calibrated to the silicon Raman peak at 520.5
136 cm^{-1} at each measurement session and the stability of the instrumental setup was double-checked
137 measuring reference crystals every 4 hours. The resulting standard deviation in the determination of
138 the silicon peak along different days of measurements was approximately 0.04 cm^{-1} . Furthermore, a
139 crosscheck of the two data set measured with the two different spectrometers has been performed on
140 several zircon grains in order to verify their consistency. Finally, the lateral spatial resolution of the
141 two instruments is approximately 1 micron and the probed volume at the sample surface is of about
142 1 micron cube.

143 The Origin Lab-Pro 2018 software package was used for data evaluation. The collected
144 spectra were baseline corrected for the continuum luminescence background when necessary,
145 temperature-reduced to account for the Bose-Einstein occupation factor (Kuzmany, 2009), and
146 normalized to the acquisition time (7 s). Peak positions, FWHMs, and integrated intensities were
147 determined from fits with pseudo-Voigt functions ($PV = (1 - q) \cdot \text{Lorentz} + q \cdot \text{Gauss}$, q is the weight
148 coefficient). The criterion for the maximum number of fitted peaks was $\Delta I < I/2$, where I and ΔI are
149 the calculated magnitude and uncertainty of each peak intensity, respectively.

150 Trace elements analyses were obtained with an ASI-RESolution 193 nm laser system coupled
151 to an Agilent 7900 quadrupole Inductively Coupled Plasma mass spectrometer (ICPMS) at the
152 Institute of Geological Sciences, University of Bern. The laser was tuned to a repetition rate of 5 Hz
153 and an energy output of 4 mJ (corresponding to an HV of about 26-27 kV). The ICPMS was tuned
154 for maximum sensitivity and minimum production of molecular species, maintaining ThO^+/Th^+ at <
155 0.2%. The spot size on the zircon crystal was 20 microns. Analyses were standardized to glass NIST
156 612 and zircon 91500 was run as secondary standard to monitor accuracy. Stoichiometric Si was

157 employed as internal standard for zircon (SiO_2 : 31.6 wt%). Reproducibility and accuracy were within
158 10 % or less across all analysed elements. The data were reduced with the freeware Iolite (Paton et
159 al. 2011) and its data reduction scheme for trace elements (Woodhead et al. 2007).

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Results

162 **Partially exposed zircon inclusions**

163 ***Charge Contrast (CC) imaging***

164 CC imaging of 64 inclusions from samples DM17-13 and DM17-49 (Martiniana locality) and
165 83 grains from samples DMG4-6 and DM17-35 (Gilba locality) shows a large variability in zircon
166 internal texture. By combining the data on various crystals, it was possible to recognize at least 4
167 major domains (Fig. 1): (i) a *dark* (i.e. low CC-emission) domain, commonly corresponding to the
168 crystal cores, (ii) an *oscillatory-zoned* domain (medium-high CC emission), which usually
169 corresponds to entire crystals or the core of elongated crystals and are further subdivided into
170 *oscillatory-dark* and *oscillatory-bright* domains based on CC emission, (iii) a transition (or
171 *undefined*) domain, whose appearance is between the darker and a brighter domains and without a
172 defined internal texture, and (iv) a *bright* domain (i.e. high CC-emission), which usually belongs to
173 the external rim of the crystals. About 70% of zircon inclusions from the Gilba locality show a more
174 elongated shape with, a typical oscillatory-zoned core surrounded by 1 or 2 thin brighter rims. On the
175 other hand, about 80% zircon inclusions from the Martiniana locality present more sub-idiomorphic
176 shape and more homogeneous internal texture. Furthermore, as already reported by Gautiez-Putallaz
177 et al. (2016) for zircon hosted in Si undersaturated whiteschists, some of the analysed inclusions in
178 Martiniana, where garnet is more abundant, display oscillatory dark domains.

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180 ***Raman spectroscopy***

181 Zircon has tetragonal symmetry with space group $I4_1/amd$. According to group-theory
182 analysis, the optical phonons at the Brillouin-zone centre of zircon are (Kroumova et al., 2003):

183 $\Gamma_{opt} = 2A_{1g} + A_{1u} + A_{2g} + 3A_{2u} + 4B_{1g} + B_{1u} + B_{2g} + 2B_{2u} + 5E_g + 4E_u$

184 The A_{1g} , B_{1g} , B_{2g} and E_g modes are Raman-active and therefore a total of 12 Raman peaks can be
185 observed in the spectrum of a randomly oriented zircon. According to previous studies (Williams and
186 Knittel, 1993; Nasdala et al., 2001 Binvignat et al., 2018), both pressure and metamictization affect
187 most strongly the B_{1g} mode near 1008 cm^{-1} , originating from anti-symmetrical SiO_4 stretching. For
188 this reason, our discussion is mainly focused on this phonon mode.

189 The Raman spectroscopic analysis is based on 250 spectra collected from 60 zircon inclusions in
190 different CC domains. As an example, Figure 1 shows the variation of the internal SiO_4 antisymmetric
191 stretching mode (B_{1g}) near to 1008 cm^{-1} of representative zircon inclusions exhibiting heterogeneous
192 CC emission. Generally, dark CC domains correspond to Raman peak broadening and shift toward
193 lower wavenumbers when compared to those collected across brighter or oscillatory-zoned domains.
194 Furthermore, transition CC domains show transitional average features also for the Raman spectra.
195 A more quantitative evaluation of the structural state of zircon crystals can be done plotting the
196 relationship between the phonon wavenumber ω and the corresponding peak width Γ (Geisler and
197 Pidgeon 2002; Zhong et al. 2019). The data measured on partially exposed zircon inclusions (Figure
198 2) show two different trends that correlate with the four different zircon domains (*bright, oscillatory-*
199 *zoned, undefined and dark*).

- 200 - The first trend is characterized by $\omega < 1008 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $4.5 \text{ cm}^{-1} \leq \Gamma < 12 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, and $\omega(\Gamma)$ with a
201 negative slope (inverse correlation). The data points on this trend mostly correspond to zircon
202 domains with dark and oscillatory-dark CC emission.
- 203 - The second trend, at higher wavenumbers, is characterized by $1008 \text{ cm}^{-1} < \omega < 1011 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, 3.5
204 $\text{cm}^{-1} < \Gamma < 5.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, and $\omega(\Gamma) \approx \text{constant}$. This trend is mostly defined by zircon domains with
205 *bright* and *oscillatory(-bright)* CC emission.

206 Note that, on average, *oscillatory-dark* domains display the largest Γ and lowest wavenumber
207 with respect to *oscillatory-bright* domains. On the other hand, *undefined* domains are difficult to
208 classify since they scatter over the entire data.

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210 ***LA-ICP-MS***

211 The different types of zircon domains also show differences in trace element composition.
212 Table 1a-b reports representative major, minor and trace elements composition of analysed zircon
213 crystal inclusions as determined by LA-ICP-MS with the associated CC-emission domains. Hf
214 concentration is usually around 11000 $\mu\text{g/g}$ and only few analyses show higher values up to 14000
215 $\mu\text{g/g}$. U content varies significantly between oscillatory-bright zoned, oscillatory-dark and dark CC
216 domains, with the last showing, usually, the highest concentration (see for example DM17-35-3a-
217 zrc10-p1 and p2 or even DM17-35-3a-zrc14-p3 and p2 in Table 1a). U contents vary from a few
218 hundred $\mu\text{g/g}$ in the bright domains in crystal cores or rims to 5000 $\mu\text{g/g}$ for the darker domains and
219 generally show an inverse relationship with CC emission, indicating that U suppresses luminescence
220 (e.g. Rubatto and Gebauer 2000).

221 In line with previous REE datasets (e.g. Gautiez-Putallaz et al. 2016), zircon cores with
222 oscillatory or convolute zoning have a steep HREE-enriched pattern with a pronounced negative Eu
223 anomaly (e.g. Figure 3-C p1). This REE pattern is characteristic of conditions where plagioclase was
224 present and garnet was absent, i.e during the crystallization of the granitic protholith in Permian times
225 (e.g. Gautiez-Putallaz et al. 2016).

226 The rims and many crystals with oscillatory zoning have lower REE contents and a flat HREE
227 pattern with no or weak Eu-anomaly (e.g. Figure 3). This REE pattern is diagnostic for zircons formed
228 during prograde to peak metamorphism, where feldspar is no longer stable (e.g. Gautiez-Putallaz et
229 al. 2016). The variable slope of the HREE patterns ranging from slightly positive to even negative
230 (Figure 3-C) indicates zircon growth together with garnet, as both minerals compete for the HREE.
231 Therefore a first distinction between pre-Alpine inherited igneous zircon and Alpine metamorphic

232 zircon can be obtained from the trace element analysis. Notably, a number of large crystals that
233 display a fine oscillatory to sector zoning more or less surrounded by a dark or light rim present a
234 depletion in HREE and remain rather constant across the entire grain (e.g. Figure 3-D, 3-E). This
235 demonstrates that oscillatory zoning occurs also in Alpine metamorphic zircon and is not restricted
236 to inherited igneous zircon, demonstrating that both CC and trace elements are required for the correct
237 classification of the zircon.

238 Previous analyses on the same locality demonstrated that inherited zircon cores are ca. 275
239 Ma old and metamorphic rims are 35.1 ± 0.8 Ma old (Gebauer et al., 1997, Gauthiez-Putallaz et al.
240 2016). In our case, a rough estimate of the age can also be obtained from the LA-ICP-MS data, even
241 if proper age standardisation and common Pb correction have not been performed. The $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$
242 values estimated in such a way are in general agreement with those obtained before on zircon from
243 the same locality and correlate with the distinction made from the REE patterns (Gauthiez-Putallaz
244 et al. 2016). This rough age estimate allows distinguishing between Alpine domains (usually lower
245 U content and bright or oscillatory-bright CC domains) and pre-Alpine domains (higher U content
246 and dark or oscillatory-zoned CC domains at the zircon cores) especially in cases where REE patterns
247 might be ambiguous (see Table 2). Notably the large crystals with oscillatory-sector zoning and low
248 HREE content are of Alpine age.

249 Assuming an age of 275 Ma for the pre-Alpine and 35 Ma for the Alpine domains (Gebauer
250 et al., 1997, Gauthiez-Putallaz et al. 2016) and based on the measured U-Th composition of the zircon
251 domains, their accumulation radiation doses D_a was calculated as follows (e.g. Nasdala et al., 2001):

$$252 \quad D_a = \frac{0.9928 N_A c_U n_{238}}{10^6 m_{238}} (e^{\lambda_{238} t} - 1) + \frac{0.0072 N_A c_U n_{235}}{10^6 m_{235}} (e^{\lambda_{235} t} - 1) + \frac{N_A c_{Th} n_{232}}{10^6 m_{232}} (e^{\lambda_{232} t} - 1) \quad (1)$$

253 where λ_n and m_n are, respectively, the nuclear decay constant and mass of the corresponding isotope
254 (^{238}U , ^{235}U and ^{232}Th) (Steiger and Jaeger; 1977), the coefficient n represents the number of α decays
255 per nucleus ($n_{238} = 8$, $n_{235} = 7$ and $n_{232} = 6$) and N_A is the Avogadro's number c_U and c_{Th} are the
256 measured concentrations of U and Th respectively and t the time. Note that Equation 1 presumes a U

257 isotopic composition of 99,28% ^{238}U and 0.72% ^{235}U . The resulting D_a values are reported in Table
258 2.

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260 **Completely buried zircon inclusions**

261 The Raman spectra collected on the completely buried zircon crystals have higher
262 wavenumbers (from 1010 cm^{-1} up to 1013.5 cm^{-1}) with respect to the partially exposed grains, with a
263 Γ mostly between 3.5 and 5.5 cm^{-1} . Only a few analyses reach values up to 6.5 cm^{-1} (Figure 4). The
264 overlap between the two sets of inclusions is limited to about 10% of the analyses.

265 The data from the exposed and fully enclosed zircon inclusions can also be analysed in terms
266 of the wavenumber difference ($\Delta\omega$) between the B_{1g} mode near 1008 cm^{-1} and the A_{1g} mode near 440
267 cm^{-1} rather than the *absolute* wavenumber. In this way, since the data were collected along different
268 sessions of measurements, we can avoid eventual effects due to instrumental drift. As shown
269 previously by William and Knittel (1992) and more recently by Binvignat et al. (2018) both phonon
270 modes show an increase in the phonon wavenumber as the hydrostatic pressure increases. However,
271 as reported from the same authors, the A_{1g} mode shows a weaker pressure dependence with respect
272 to the B_{1g} mode and, therefore, to an increase of the pressure acting on the crystal should correspond
273 an increase in the value of $\Delta\omega$ (Figure 5).

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Discussion

275 **Effect of minor and trace elements on zircon Raman shift**

276 A large number of non-formula elements can be incorporated in the zircon crystal structure,
277 however, most of them are usually far below 1 wt% (e.g. Hoskin and Schaltegger 2003), with the
278 notable exception of Hf. Raman data measured on isomorphic series $\text{ZrSiO}_4 - \text{HfSiO}_4$, suggest that
279 even if as much as 25% of all Zr ions are replaced by Hf the frequency variation of the main peaks
280 does not exceed 3 cm^{-1} (Hoskin and Rodgers, 1996). Furthermore, Nasdala et al. (2002) suggested
281 that positions and Γ of the main peaks in annealed, metamict gemstone-quality zircon, containing up
282 to 6000 ppm of U and 16300 ppm of Hf, deviate less than 1 cm^{-1} from the data of pure well-crystalline

283 ZrSiO₄. Therefore, since our exposed zircon inclusions contain impurities and trace elements below
284 these values (maximum U content is 5060 ppm and maximum Hf content is 14570 ppm, see Table
285 1), the effect of chemical variations on zircon Raman spectra is negligible.

286 Zircon variation in HREE composition (i.e. depletion in the Alpine domains) has been
287 previously interpreted as the result of growth zoning during metamorphism in a fractionating bulk
288 composition where REE are largely incorporated in garnet (e.g. Gautiez-Putallaz et al., 2016). Indeed,
289 the garnet host shows a similar REE pattern along a core-to-rim line profile (e.g. Gautiez-Putallaz et
290 al. 2016), indicating equilibrium conditions with the associated zircon grains. The qualitative
291 ²⁰⁶Pb/²³⁸U measurements confirm that zircon crystals showing a flat HREE pattern throughout the
292 entire grain are completely metamorphic in origin. In this regard, it is important to note that, although
293 REE chemical zonation does not influence the main Raman scattering features, such as peak
294 broadening and position, it can give rise to heterogeneous photoluminescence, and hence to different
295 background levels of the Raman spectra collected from zones. Besides, depending on the excitation
296 laser wavelength, additional photoluminescence peaks may be observed next to the fundamental
297 Raman peaks of zircon.

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299 **Metamorphic vs inherited zircon domains**

300 Charge contrast or cathodoluminescence imaging of metamorphic and inherited zircons usually
301 show notable differences in terms of the corresponding internal texture (e.g. Rubatto and Gebauer
302 2000, Corfu et al. 2003). Oscillatory-zoned grains have been chemically interpreted as the result of
303 alternating depletion and enrichment in trace elements (i.e. U and Y) during crystal growth at the
304 crystal-melt interface. On the other hand, bright domains at the rim of the crystals, usually show
305 higher and homogeneous CL-emission, presenting irregular shape that often overgrows the pre-
306 existing crystals whose texture can sometime be evident as a relict (Rubatto and Gebauer, 2000). Our
307 results indicate that metamorphic zircon can also include dark, bright, oscillatory and undefined CC

308 domains. This observation warns against using internal zircon zoning alone for distinguishing
309 magmatic versus metamorphic zircon.

310 As portrayed in Figure 2, bright and oscillatory-bright domains (yellow and blue spots,
311 respectively), have the same Raman spectral features and define the “non-metamict” domain in the
312 diagram (see details below). Therefore, despite their magmatic or metamorphic origin, from a
313 structural point of view, these two domains are effectively equivalent and there will be no difference
314 in the calculated residual stress even if the two domains co-exist within the same crystal.

315 Finally, if we plot our data in a Γ of the B_{1g} mode near 1008 cm^{-1} vs D_{α} diagram, most of the
316 Alpine domains fall within the broad interpolation line given by Nasdala et al. 2001 (Figure 6).
317 Nasdala et al. (2001) interpreted the data plotting outside of such interpolation band as the possible
318 effects of thermal annealing in the crystal. In our case, we interpret the few points outside the
319 interpolation band as the result of possible partial annealing of inherited zircon cores (Permian and
320 Caledonian in age) during the Alpine metamorphism.

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322 **Effect of metamictization and annealing on Raman shift**

323 Previous studies have established that partial metamictization can have a major influence on
324 zircon Raman spectra (e.g. Zhang et al., 2000; Geisler et al., 2001; Nasdala et al., 2001; Binvi-
325 gnat et al. 2018). In general, depending on the degree of metamictization, zircon crystals can show a
326 significant Raman peak broadening and frequency shift toward lower wavenumbers with respect to
327 pristine samples taken as reference. Furthermore, Geisler et al. (2001) pointed out the possible
328 heterogeneous (step-evolution) effect that annealing could have on peak broadening and position.

329 Based on these considerations, the relationship between the peak width and the Raman shift
330 (Figure 2) can be exploited as a discriminant between partially metamict/annealed crystals and
331 pristine crystals, even when they are completely buried within their mineral host (see also Zhong et
332 al. 2019). Indeed, differently to phonon wavenumber, variation in the Γ of a Raman peak is
333 independent from minor amounts of stress (Binvi-
gnat et al., 2018) as those usually recorded in host-

334 inclusion systems. It follows that, when considering zircon inclusions, a buried partially metamict
335 crystal should present Γ comparable to partially metamict crystals exposed at the surface and the same
336 is valid for well-crystalline zircon grains. Therefore, we conclude that measurements with Γ greater
337 than 5 cm^{-1} showing an inverse relationship with the Raman shift, represent partially
338 metamict/annealed domains. On the other hand, domains with lower Γ (i.e. $3.5 - 5.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and with
339 no correlation with the Raman shift are associated to a non-metamict domain. In this regard, it is
340 worth noting that also Alpine zircons with high U contents fall into the metamict domain.

341 Geisler and Pidgeon (2002) pointed out that possible annealing processes may influence both
342 the Raman shift and the peak width, as well as the relationship between them during secondary
343 geological processes. However, from their results, it is evident that such effects are critical for zircon
344 with moderate to heavy levels of radiation damage (i.e. $\omega < 1004 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $\Gamma >$ than $11-12 \text{ cm}^{-1}$). In
345 our case, the zircon inclusion displaying a negative slope result all with $\Gamma < 11 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $\omega > 1004$
346 cm^{-1} . This correlation can be tentatively interpreted as an indication that, as previously stated (e.g.
347 Figure 6), annealing effects were negligible or absent in most of the samples over the relatively short
348 geological evolution (280 or 35 Ma to present) and fast subduction metamorphism (Gebauer et al.
349 1997, Rubatto and Hermann 2001, Gauthiez Putallaz et al. 2016).

350 However, it is difficult to make a rigorous prediction of the effect of metamictization on the
351 determination of the residual pressure of a buried inclusion. For zircon with Γ larger than 5 cm^{-1} there
352 are at least two additional unknown variables:

- 353 - The reference wavenumber ω_0 of an equally metamict free crystal;
- 354 - The phonon mode compressibility $\beta = [1/\omega_0][d\omega/dP]$

355 Both variables are very sensitive to the accumulated radiation dose D_α (e.g. Binvignat et al.,
356 2018). Unfortunately, the dispersion of our data in the established $\Gamma - D_\alpha$ trend is too large to give a
357 reliable value of D_α and consequently of ω_0 and β for the purposes of Raman thermobarometry.

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359 **Effect of zircon size on Raman shift for partially exposed inclusions**

360 For completely unstressed pristine crystals, the phonon wavenumber usually is expected not
361 to exceed the values of $1008.5 - 1009 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (see Bin vignat et al., 2018; Geisler et al., 2001).
362 Nevertheless, our partially exposed grains, even considering only the non-metamict domain in Figure
363 2, show a larger variation (up to 1011 cm^{-1}).

364 As reported by Campomenosi et al. (2018), partially exposed inclusions can still preserve a
365 notable stress state in terms of Raman peak shift as function of the inclusion exposition degree and
366 size. In order to better clarify this issue, Figure 7 shows a Γ vs $\Delta\omega$ diagram of partially exposed
367 inclusions discriminating between grains with different size (< and > 50 microns). Note that, in this
368 case, we show only data from the exposed inclusions showing bright and or oscillatory-bright
369 domains at CC because only for such domains we can safely exclude other effects described above.
370 Data from inclusions of different size largely overlap. However, about 20% of the smaller inclusions
371 have a higher $\Delta\omega$ than the larger one (with one exclusion) and reach a $\Delta\omega$ of 572 cm^{-1} that are never
372 observed in the larger inclusions. This is in agreement with theoretical predictions (Mazzucchelli et
373 al., 2018) for which, within the same host, small inclusions, when partially exposed, tend to retain
374 more stress, due to the larger surface-to-volume ratio, i.e. larger impact of the host upon relatively
375 larger surface of the inclusion. On the other hand, small inclusions should exhibit less dispersion of
376 the degree of exposure. Hence, the quite large spread of our data is most probably due to the
377 superposition of both effects related to the inclusion size: the surface-to-volume ratio and the degree
378 of exposure.

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380 **A new protocol for the selection of zircon inclusions in garnet for elastic barometry**

381 Based on the above considerations, we propose a simple protocol for selecting zircon inclusions
382 to get reliable residual pressure estimates for elastic barometry.

- 383 - Buried crystals must be isolated from other inclusions, section surfaces, host boundary, cracks
384 and from any other kind of boundaries. This implies that thicker sections (i.e. 300 microns)
385 are better (see also Campomenosi et al. 2018).
- 386 - At least 2-3 measurement spots for each crystal moving from core to rim should be performed:
387 this enables detection of eventual structural heterogeneity within the crystal. For this
388 purpose, it is better to use a spectrometer with a confocal optical microscope in order to reach
389 the best spatial resolution.
- 390 - An instrumental spectral resolution equal or better than 2 cm^{-1} should be used and only those
391 inclusions presenting a Γ of the B_{1g} mode near 1008 cm^{-1} smaller than 5 cm^{-1} should be
392 considered. Note that this value represents the summation of the analytical uncertainty (i.e.
393 instrumental spectral resolution) to the minimum value of about 3 cm^{-1} that has been measured
394 on several grains by the two different spectrometers (see Figure 4).
- 395 - Only inclusions in which the phonon wave number and the Γ is constant across the entire
396 crystal volume should be selected.
- 397 - If Γ is constant, but the phonon wavenumber changes across the crystal volume there could
398 be effects due to the shape of the inclusion (Campomenosi et al. 2018). In this case it is
399 recommended to consider the measurement collected at the centre of the crystal to calculate
400 the residual pressure of the inclusion.
- 401 - Partially exposed crystals should not be used as reference to calculate residual stress in the
402 buried inclusions: they can be still under a notable residual stress state. It is recommended
403 using a completely free crystal or large exposed inclusions for which the residual stress state
404 and the metamictization effects are negligible (see for example Figure 1-D).
- 405 - Whenever possible, a statistically significant amount of partially exposed inclusions should
406 be selected in order to double check their textural complexity by CC or CL imaging and their
407 chemistry. As an alternative, imaging and chemical checks should be performed on inclusions
408 that have been exposed after the Raman measurements.

409 - Chemical and age measurements should be considered as important corollary information to
410 reconstruct the petrogenesis of the zircon inclusions and the garnet host.

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Implications

413 Zircon inclusions are difficult to manage correctly for elastic thermobarometry applications
414 and a detailed characterization of the inclusions should be performed before extracting barometric
415 data. In our systematic study the combination of structural and chemical information obtained by
416 different analytical techniques on partially exposed zircon inclusions, allows to reliably predict the
417 structural state of buried crystals for Raman spectroscopic measurements.

418 Our results provide a solid basis for the selection of reliable zircon inclusions to use for elastic
419 thermobarometry applications. This methods, in combination with the already rich tool set that can
420 be applied to zircon (e.g. Ti-in-zircon thermometry (Watson et al., 2006), U-Pb geochronology,
421 oxygen isotopes) will provide an even more detailed characterization of P-T-t-fluid and deformation
422 history of metamorphic rocks.

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587 **Figure caption list**

588 **Figure 1.** Relationship between the CC emission domain and the corresponding Raman spectra (B_{1g}
589 mode near 1008 cm^{-1}) in partially exposed zircon inclusions. Samples DM17-35 are from Gilba
590 locality while sample DM17-13 comes from the Martiniana locality.

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592 **Figure 2.** Γ vs Raman shift of the antisymmetric SiO_4 stretching B_{1g} mode near 1008 cm^{-1} of partially
593 exposed crystals with highlighted CC-emission domains.

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595 **Figure 3.** REE pattern in selected partially exposed zircon inclusions. Colour coding follows that in
596 Figure 2: black = dark, green = oscillatory-dark, blue = oscillatory-bright, orange = bright, grey =
597 undefined. Yellow circles are scaled with respect the figure and are 20 micron across (laser spot)

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599 **Figure 4.** Γ and Raman shift of partially exposed vs completely buried zircon inclusions

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601 **Figure 5.** Γ of the B_{1g} mode near 1008 cm^{-1} and $\Delta\omega = \omega_{1008} - \omega_{440}$ of partially exposed vs selected
602 and completely buried zircon inclusions.

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604 **Figure 6.** FWHM of the B_{1g} mode near 1008 cm^{-1} as function of the effect of increasing
605 metamictization in terms of accumulated radiation dose.

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607 **Figure 7.** Γ of the B_{1g} mode near 1008 cm^{-1} vs $\Delta\omega = \omega_{1008} - \omega_{440}$ comparing small (< 50 microns)
608 and large (> 50 microns) partially exposed zircon inclusions. The spots refer only to bright and
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631 **Table list**

Table 1a. Major, minor and trace elements (in µg/g) of zircon inclusions (spots are referred to Figure 3).

sample name	CC domain	Ti	Y	Nb	Hf	Pb	Th	U	sample name	CC domain	Ti	Y	Nb	Hf	Pb	Th	U
DM17-35-3A-zrc8-p1	Osc. dark	2.28	1639	3.16	10300	154	158	1436	DM17-35-1a-zrc6-p2	Osc. dark	14.3	720	8.31	14570	65.8	41.1	3147
DM17-35-3A-zrc8-p2	Osc. bright	4.70	2651	8.73	7710	390	793	1241	DM17-35-1a-zrc6-p3	dark	20.2	826	7.62	12610	77.1	32.8	2949
DM17-35-3A-zrc10-p1	Osc. bright	35.3	492	34.2	10880	10.0	84.9	378	DM17-35-1a-zrc3-p1	Osc. bright	13.3	204	1.63	12930	19.7	9.89	452
DM17-35-3A-zrc10-p2	dark	5.03	197	5.98	13690	52.4	2.61	2122	DM17-35-1a-zrc3-p2	dark	9.90	103.3	2.98	11690	73.7	7.82	3154
DM17-35-3A-zrc10-p3	bright	7.90	183	4.01	10840	24.3	6.85	883	DM17-35-1a-zrc3-p3	Osc. bright	13.1	161.8	3.09	12280	80.7	12.1	3700
DM17-35-3A-zrc14-p1	Osc. bright	2.91	850	1.94	12450	138	40.7	730	DM17-35-1a-zrc9-p1	Osc. bright	6.38	179.3	2.47	12190	43.7	16.8	1640
DM17-35-3A-zrc14-p2	Osc. dark	6.90	3140	8.05	10300	326	696	1900	DM17-35-1a-zrc10-p1	Osc. bright	10.8	587	2.42	11220	9.10	10.7	249.8
DM17-35-3A-zrc14-p3	Osc. bright	4.90	1820	4.50	11660	237	158	1320	DM17-35-1a-zrc10-p2	Osc. bright	790	536	8.53	10980	8.71	13.0	261
DM17-35-3A-zrc14-p4	Osc. bright	2.67	1353	1.42	8680	66.1	73.4	333	DM17-13-b-zrc13-p1	Osc. bright	17.0	1479	21.6	11960	31.1	51.5	1307
DM17-35-3A-zrc18-p1	Osc. bright	6.85	1850	1.64	9100	308	179.6	474	DM17-13-b-zrc13-p2	Osc. bright	11.8	1209	11.5	10820	22.5	26.6	755
DM17-35-3A-zrc13-p2	Osc. bright	1.69	920	3.05	9570	130	89.0	673	DM17-13-b-zrc15-p2	Osc. bright	6.30	649	4.80	10180	16.9	11.5	604
DM17-35-3A-zrc13-p1	Osc. bright	1.79	1051	2.80	10960	154	87.0	828	DM17-13-b-zrc15-p3	Osc. bright	6.10	589	5.86	10310	9.37	7.11	346
DM17-35-3A-zrc13-p3	bright	3.04	1150	4.26	7070	242	336	635	DM17-13-b-zrc16-p1	Osc. bright	16.8	1817	13.7	10840	34.7	35.2	1342
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p1	Osc. bright	10.3	211	5.86	11770	9.65	22.4	367	DM17-13-b-zrc16-p2	Osc. bright	8.50	383	3.96	11030	16.8	14.9	562
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p2	Osc. bright	8.81	83.3	9.95	11190	17.6	34.3	695	DM17-13-b-zrc16-p3	Osc. dark	20.9	1504	29.9	10550	43.3	56.8	1538
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p3	Osc. dark	8.30	83.4	8.75	11270	31.4	34.9	1208	DM17-13-b-zrc16-p4	Osc. bright	5.66	227.8	4.54	11550	10.3	18.5	435.3
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p4	Osc. dark	4.60	58.5	3.10	11030	32.3	11.3	1148	DM17-13-c-zrc7-p1	Osc. bright	16.5	2140	2.44	10600	125	149	719
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p5	bright	5.10	198	2.85	11170	28.6	7.17	1092	DM17-13-c-zrc7-p2	Osci. dark	10.2	1790	7.65	11900	21.1	13.2	950
DM17-35-5A-zrc3-p1	Osc. bright	2.02	930	0.76	9950	51.5	44.1	253	DM17-13-c-zrc7-p3	undefined	10.1	1982	12.5	12280	25.4	17.8	1037
DM17-35-5A-zrc14-p1	Osc. bright	48.3	1682	26.8	9768	8.94	87.1	380	DM17-13-c-zrc4-p1	bright	27.0	3250	24.3	12380	32.4	35.2	1335
DM17-35-5A-zrc14-p2	dark	10.1	490	5.49	11520	16.4	15.7	530	DM17-13-c-zrc4-p2	undefined	11.8	2100	13.6	11850	56.1	39.8	931
DM17-35-5A-zrc14-p3	bright	10.8	430	6.06	10840	3.80	12.3	112	DM17-13-c-zrc10-p1	dark	20.9	2680	33.7	11080	102	33.0	5060
DM17-35-5A-zrc14-p4	bright	22.5	632	20.1	11400	8.96	32.7	370	DM17-13-c-zrc10-p2	bright	7.30	582	4.56	11860	28.0	7.63	1175
DM17-35-5A-zrc14-p5	Osc. dark	7.10	262	6.38	12790	10.5	8.84	407	DM17-13-c-zrc10-p3	Osc. dark	10.7	1540	8.24	11480	46.2	6.67	2004

*Precision plus accuracy of measurements is within 10%

Table 1b. REE composition (in $\mu\text{g/g}$) of zircon inclusions (spots are referred to Figure 3)

sample name	CC domain	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
DM17-35-3A-zrc8-p1	Osc. dark	0.04	5.90	0.21	2.65	5.07	0.15	28.9	10.5	143	54.9	273	60.7	553	112
DM17-35-3A-zrc8-p2	Osc. bright	0.46	18.7	0.40	6.43	12.1	0.26	65.8	21.8	267	91.0	411	79.6	653	128
DM17-35-3A-zrc10-p1	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	2.80	0.04	1.06	6.80	2.23	70.5	16.0	86.2	12.3	29.5	4.80	38.9	6.95
DM17-35-3A-zrc10-p2	dark	b.d.l.	0.59	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.51	0.11	4.78	2.01	20.1	4.93	15.8	2.73	22.2	3.98
DM17-35-3A-zrc10-p3	bright	b.d.l.	1.03	b.d.l.	0.14	0.54	0.14	4.54	1.83	19.6	4.77	17.0	2.67	19.3	2.80
DM17-35-3A-zrc14-p1	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	0.44	b.d.l.	0.17	1.06	0.19	10.05	4.41	63.0	26.4	143	35.7	351	73.0
DM17-35-3A-zrc14-p2	Osc. dark	12.0	37.0	3.10	14.6	11.5	0.55	61.0	22.7	291	104	497	101	839	156
DM17-35-3A-zrc14-p3	Osc. bright	0.49	3.40	0.21	1.19	3.14	0.19	22.0	9.90	142	57.1	305	71.7	670	135
DM17-35-3A-zrc14-p4	Osc. bright	0.04	1.54	0.04	1.13	3.51	0.15	20.8	8.45	115	44.7	219	46.1	408	79.5
DM17-35-3A-zrc18-p1	Osc. bright	1.12	5.21	0.85	8.20	10.7	0.97	51.6	16.9	192	62.1	269	53.6	454	84.8
DM17-35-3A-zrc13-p2	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	2.78	b.d.l.	0.29	1.49	0.12	9.77	4.76	73.3	30.2	161	37.3	350	71.9
DM17-35-3A-zrc13-p1	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	2.38	0.02	0.33	1.08	0.10	9.02	4.55	75.7	32.9	182	43.8	424	88.1
DM17-35-3A-zrc13-p3	bright	0.34	14.1	0.17	1.78	3.15	0.73	16.5	6.16	85.0	34.4	185	44.1	442	97.0
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p1	Osc. bright	0.08	1.08	0.04	0.42	3.30	1.36	53.7	10.8	48.2	5.31	11.1	1.39	10.0	1.69
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p2	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	0.75	b.d.l.	0.34	4.74	1.41	43.7	6.35	22.2	2.26	4.55	0.61	5.21	0.90
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p3	Osc. dark	b.d.l.	0.99	b.d.l.	0.12	3.47	1.13	34.8	5.44	19.9	2.26	4.60	0.61	5.82	1.03
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p4	Osc. dark	b.d.l.	0.57	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.91	0.37	13.3	2.64	12.1	1.45	3.48	0.61	4.62	0.88
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p5	bright	b.d.l.	0.81	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.62	0.14	5.83	1.92	20.3	5.27	18.7	3.33	23.5	3.37
DM17-35-5A-zrc3-p1	Osc. bright	0.06	1.27	0.11	0.78	2.50	0.07	14.1	5.45	76.9	30.7	154	33.6	301	59.3
DM17-35-5A-zrc14-p1	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	3.06	0.02	1.10	10.1	3.72	164	46.6	288	47.8	117	16.7	118	19.3
DM17-35-5A-zrc14-p2	dark	0.40	2.11	0.19	1.35	2.51	0.86	31.0	9.74	70.3	12.9	32.5	4.76	31.7	5.42
DM17-35-5A-zrc14-p3	bright	b.d.l.	0.75	b.d.l.	0.27	2.44	0.65	31.7	9.81	68.9	11.6	30.1	4.66	34.8	6.21
DM17-35-5A-zrc14-p4	bright	b.d.l.	1.89	0.04	0.68	4.14	1.39	54.2	15.9	104	16.4	40.5	5.53	38.8	6.39
DM17-35-5A-zrc14-p5	Osc. dark	b.d.l.	0.72	b.d.l.	0.10	1.19	0.40	16.3	5.58	38.4	6.47	16.4	2.28	15.6	2.60

*Precision plus accuracy of measurements is within 10%

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Table 1c. REE composition (in $\mu\text{g/g}$) of zircon inclusions (spots are referred to Figure 3)

sample name	CC domain	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
DM17-35-1a-zrc6-p2	Osc. dark	b.d.l.	1.42	0.02	0.66	6.17	1.75	64.7	18.2	118	18.4	43.4	5.31	30.5	4.17
DM17-35-1a-zrc6-p3	dark	0.08	2.06	0.07	1.08	7.30	1.84	72.4	20.2	131	21.2	49.2	6.34	36.5	5.05
DM17-35-1a-zrc3-p1	Osc. bright	0.06	1.83	0.06	0.86	1.35	0.27	8.60	2.45	21.8	5.43	19.8	3.36	24.6	3.52
DM17-35-1a-zrc3-p2	dark	b.d.l.	0.45	b.d.l.	0.13	0.74	0.23	7.75	2.34	15.4	2.60	7.27	1.19	8.46	1.46
DM17-35-1a-zrc3-p3	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	0.95	0.02	0.26	1.50	0.44	14.4	4.10	25.8	4.42	12.0	2.04	14.0	2.42
DM17-35-1a-zrc9-p1	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	0.53	b.d.l.	0.19	1.40	0.46	16.1	4.63	27.3	4.51	12.9	2.03	14.5	2.48
DM17-35-1a-zrc10-p1	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	0.56	b.d.l.	0.23	3.06	0.93	38.1	11.7	89.1	18.0	51.8	7.30	47.6	7.10
DM17-35-1a-zrc10-p2	Osc. bright	0.05	0.70	b.d.l.	0.20	2.45	0.91	36.0	10.4	81.6	16.8	47.4	6.71	42.7	6.59
DM17-13-b-zrc13-p1	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	1.14	0.01	0.44	7.78	3.36	110	32.1	219	42.4	115	16.5	96.9	14.3
DM17-13-b-zrc13-p2	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	0.64	b.d.l.	0.40	5.57	2.46	86.6	25.6	177	35.2	95.6	14.4	85.9	12.7
DM17-13-b-zrc15-p2	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	0.67	b.d.l.	0.12	2.26	1.08	39.2	11.2	90.3	18.9	58.5	9.16	62.8	10.9
DM17-13-b-zrc15-p3	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	0.44	b.d.l.	0.09	1.87	0.97	33.6	10.1	80.4	17.2	54.2	8.52	55.6	8.56
DM17-13-b-zrc16-p1	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	0.88	b.d.l.	0.58	9.34	4.24	147	40.6	288	54.3	149	21.4	133	19.4
DM17-13-b-zrc16-p2	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	0.41	b.d.l.	0.16	2.34	0.96	32.0	8.26	58.5	11.0	30.3	4.72	33.8	6.03
DM17-13-b-zrc16-p3	Osc. dark	b.d.l.	1.28	b.d.l.	0.34	7.11	3.05	116	33.2	233	44.0	116	16.2	99.6	13.2
DM17-13-b-zrc16-p4	Osc. bright	b.d.l.	0.35	b.d.l.	0.14	1.32	0.54	15.3	4.54	32.1	6.00	16.2	3.04	26.4	5.43
DM17-13-c-zrc7-p1	Osc. bright	0.84	3.40	0.31	2.32	5.24	0.18	31.2	13.0	175	69.7	334	71.6	647	122
DM17-13-c-zrc7-p2	Osci. dark	b.d.l.	0.57	b.d.l.	0.15	2.20	1.22	54.0	23.0	230	55.0	164	25.0	160	24.0
DM17-13-c-zrc7-p3	undefined	b.d.l.	0.73	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	3.23	1.36	54.2	24.5	250	63.5	197	30.1	210	32.9
DM17-13-c-zrc4-p1	bright	b.d.l.	1.64	b.d.l.	0.53	6.90	2.72	97.7	39.0	397	104	335	54.3	407	69.1
DM17-13-c-zrc4-p2	undefined	b.d.l.	1.21	b.d.l.	0.28	3.64	1.53	54.4	21.5	230	67.1	247	45.7	377	68.5
DM17-13-c-zrc10-p1	dark	b.d.l.	1.97	b.d.l.	0.47	6.10	2.69	90.3	33.8	310	84.0	326	64.0	536	94.8
DM17-13-c-zrc10-p2	bright	b.d.l.	0.35	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	0.95	0.44	18.9	7.34	69.3	19.0	74.4	14.6	126	23.0
DM17-13-c-zrc10-p3	Osc. dark	b.d.l.	0.62	b.d.l.	0.32	2.79	1.19	40.9	16.8	170	47.9	191	39.1	347	65.0

*Precision plus accuracy of measurements is within 10%

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Table 2. Indicative age and dose of partially exposed zircon inclusions (spots are referred to Figure 3)

sample name	CC domain	Indicative $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	Indicative Age	D_alfa * (g/events)	Raman shift (cm ⁻¹)	FWHM (cm ⁻¹)
DM17-35-3A-zrc8-p1	Osc. dark	0.04	Permian	8.3E+17	1007.6	5.6
DM17-35-3A-zrc8-p2	Osc. bright	0.08	Caledonian	2.2E+18	1008.0	3.4
DM17-35-3A-zrc10-p1	Osc. bright	0.01	Alpine	5.3E+16	1007.9	3.9
DM17-35-3A-zrc10-p2	dark	0.01	Alpine	2.6E+17	1006.7	5.3
DM17-35-3A-zrc10-p3	bright	0.01	Alpine	1.2E+17	1007.9	3.6
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p1	Osc. bright	0.01	Alpine	4.9E+16	1009.1	3.6
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p4	Osc. dark	0.01	Alpine	1.6E+17	1008.0	4.5
DM17-35-5A-zrc2-p5	bright	0.01	Alpine	1.4E+17	1008.9	3.5
DM17-35-1A-zrc6-p2	Osc. dark	0.01	Alpine	3.3E+17	1008.9	3.5
DM17-35-1A-zrc6-p3	dark	0.01	Alpine	3.9E+17	1006.6	6.2
DM17-35-1A-zrc3-p2	dark	0.01	Alpine	3.7E+17	1006.3	5.7
DM17-35-1A-zrc3-p3	Osc. bright	0.01	Alpine	4.1E+17	1007.7	4.2
DM17-13-b-zrc13-p1	Osc. bright	0.01	Alpine	1.5E+17	1007.9	4.6
DM17-13-b-zrc13-p2	Osc. bright	0.01	Alpine	1.1E+17	1007.7	4.7
DM17-13-b-zrc15-p2	Osc. bright	0.01	Alpine	8.6E+16	1008.3	4.5
DM17-13-b-zrc15-p3	Osc. bright	0.01	Alpine	4.7E+16	1008.3	4.0
DM17-13-b-zrc16-p1	Osc. bright	0.01	Alpine	1.7E+17	1007.9	5.1
DM17-13-b-zrc16-p2	Osc. bright	0.01	Alpine	8.5E+16	1008.2	4.0
DM17-13-b-zrc16-p3	Osc. dark	0.01	Alpine	2.2E+17	1007.3	5.6
DM17-13-b-zrc16-p4	Osc. bright	0.01	Alpine	5.3E+16	1008.3	3.6
DM17-13-c-zrc7-p1	Osc. bright	0.04	Permian	6.6E+17	1009.3	5.8
DM17-13-c-zrc7-p2	Osci. dark	0.01	Alpine	1.1E+17	1011.3	3.9
DM17-13-c-zrc7-p3	undefined	0.01	Alpine	1.3E+17	1010.2	4.3
DM17-13-c-zrc10-p1	dark	0.01	Alpine	5.2E+17	1006.2	10.6
DM17-13-c-zrc10-p2	bright	0.01	Alpine	1.4E+17	1008.3	3.3

DM17-13-c-zrc10-p3	Osc. dark	0.01	Alpine	2.3E+17	1007.4	5.0
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FIGURE 1

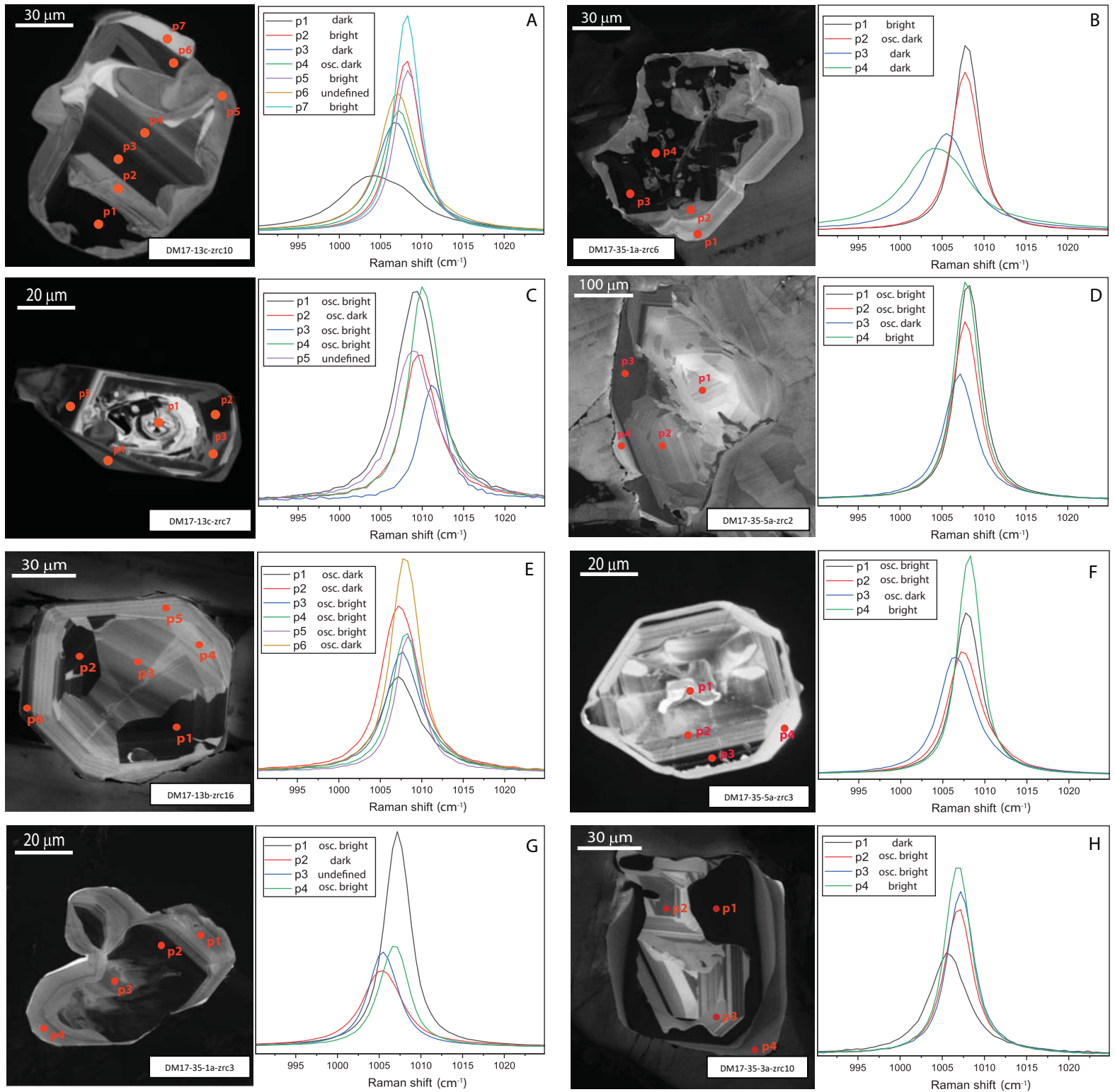


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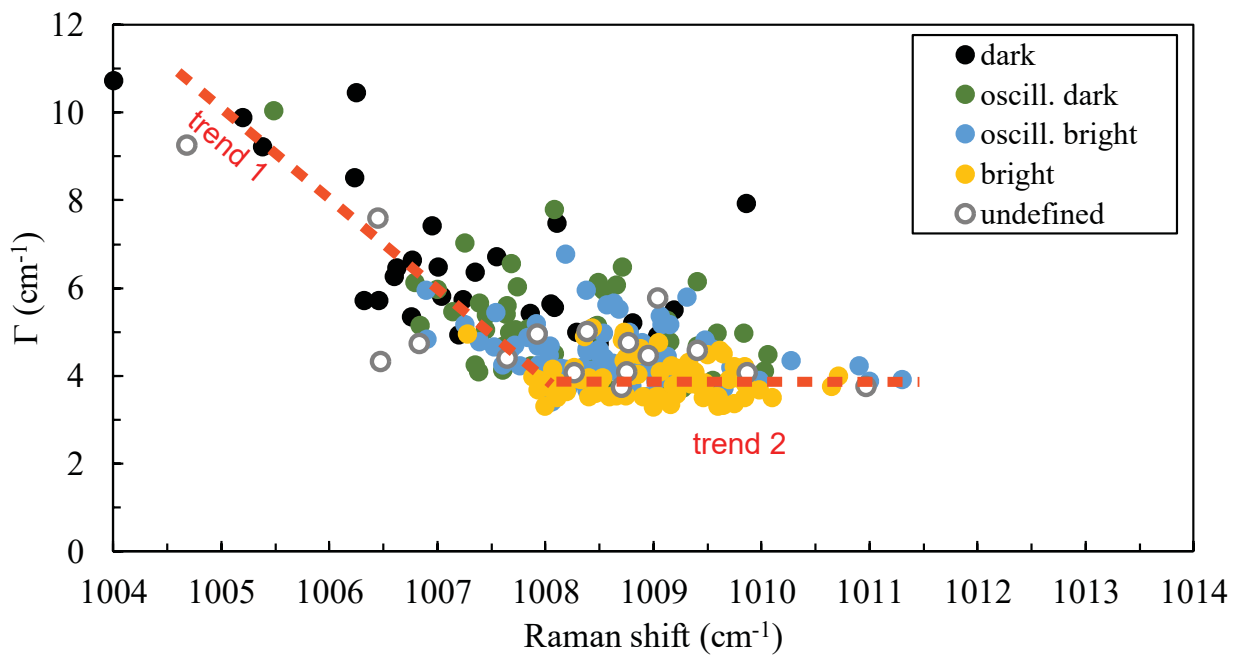


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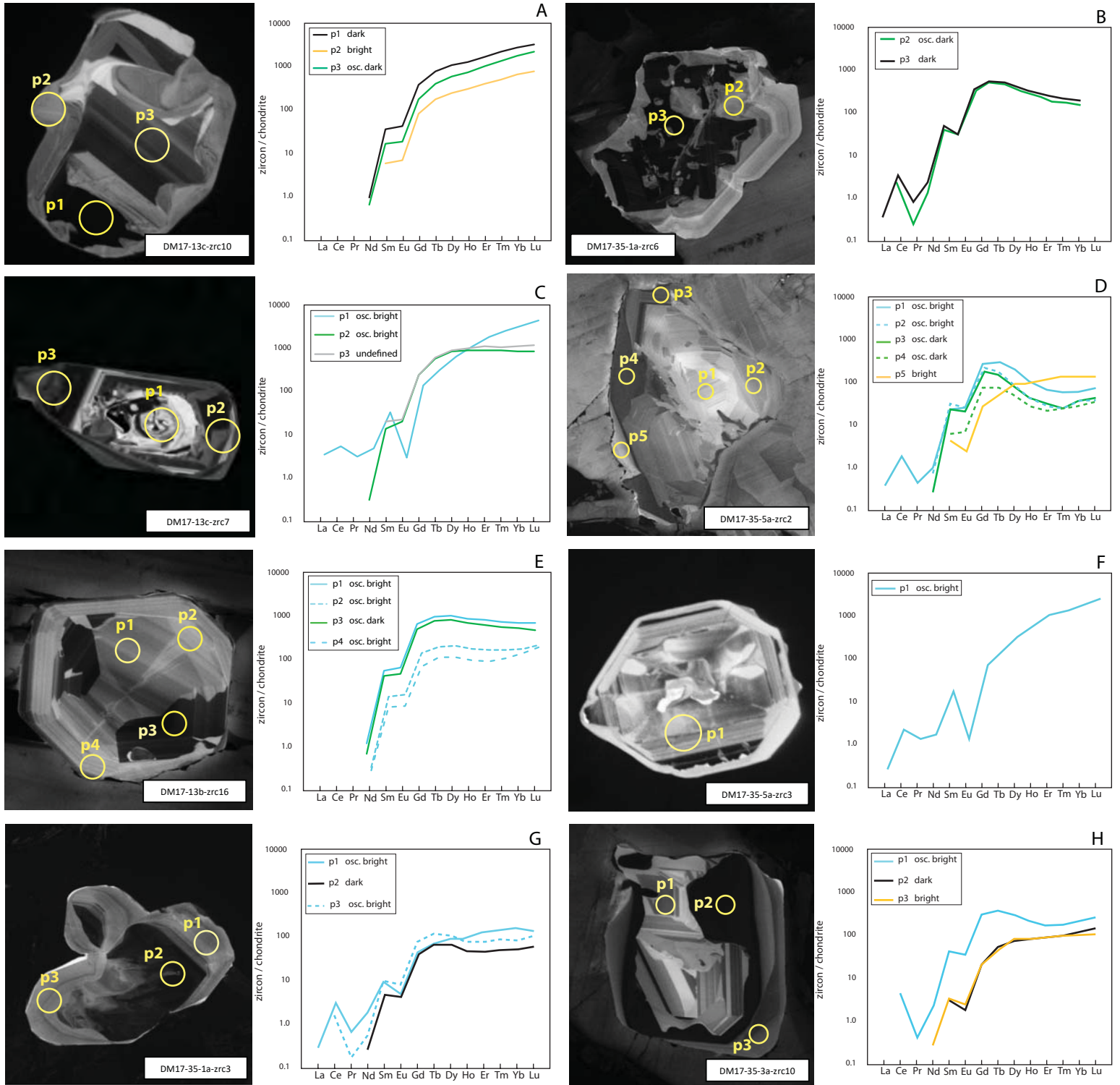


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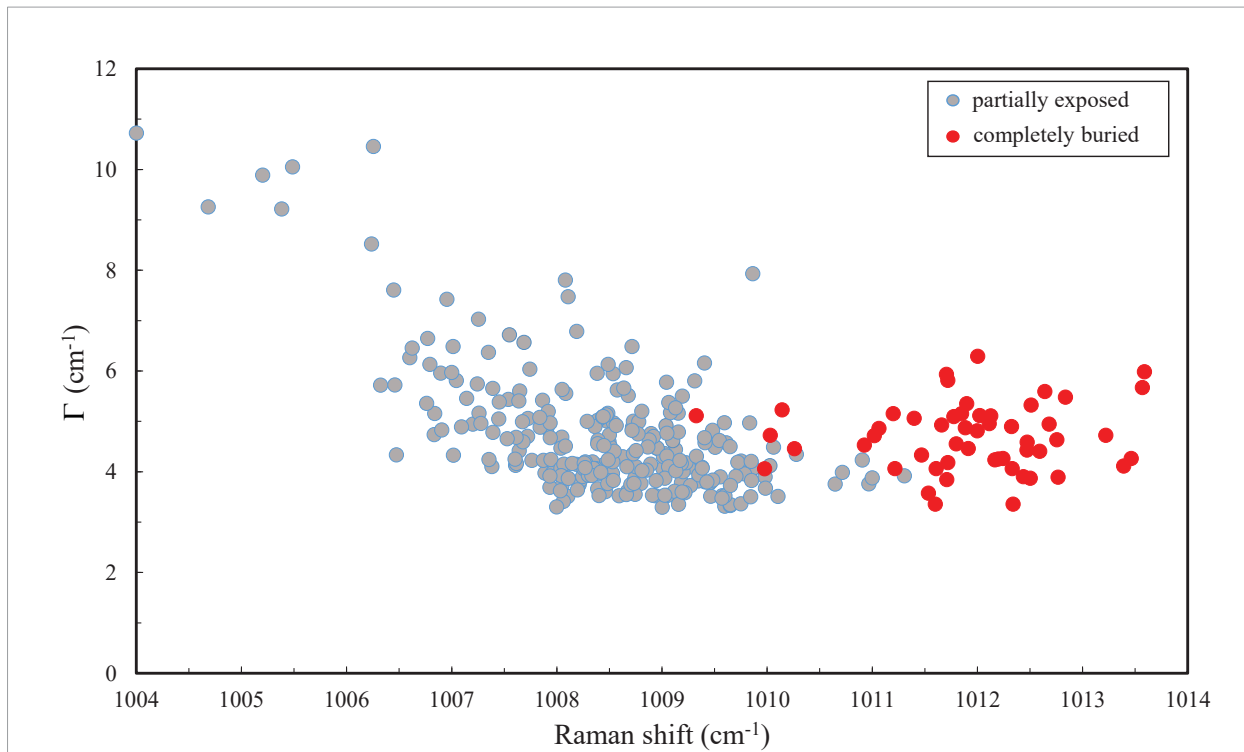


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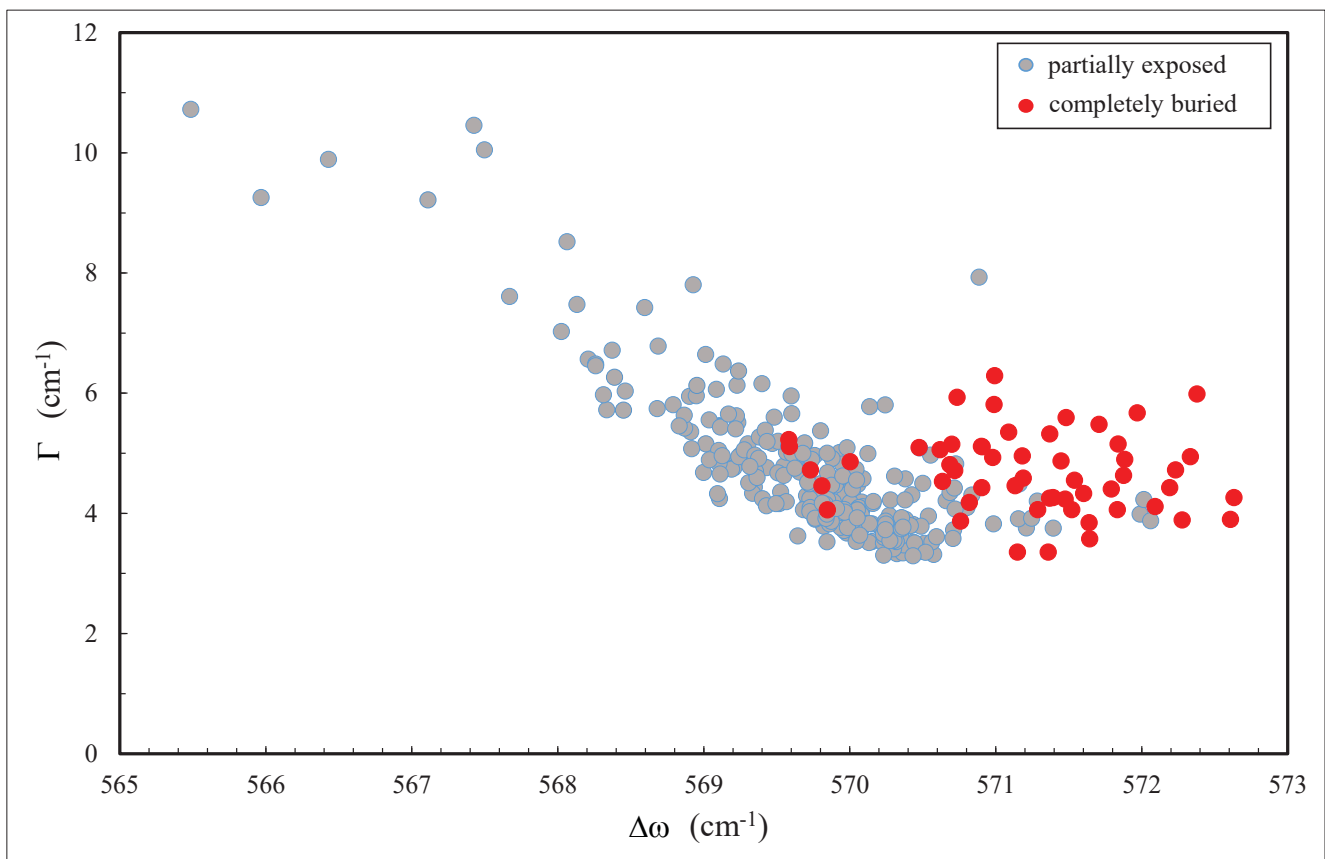


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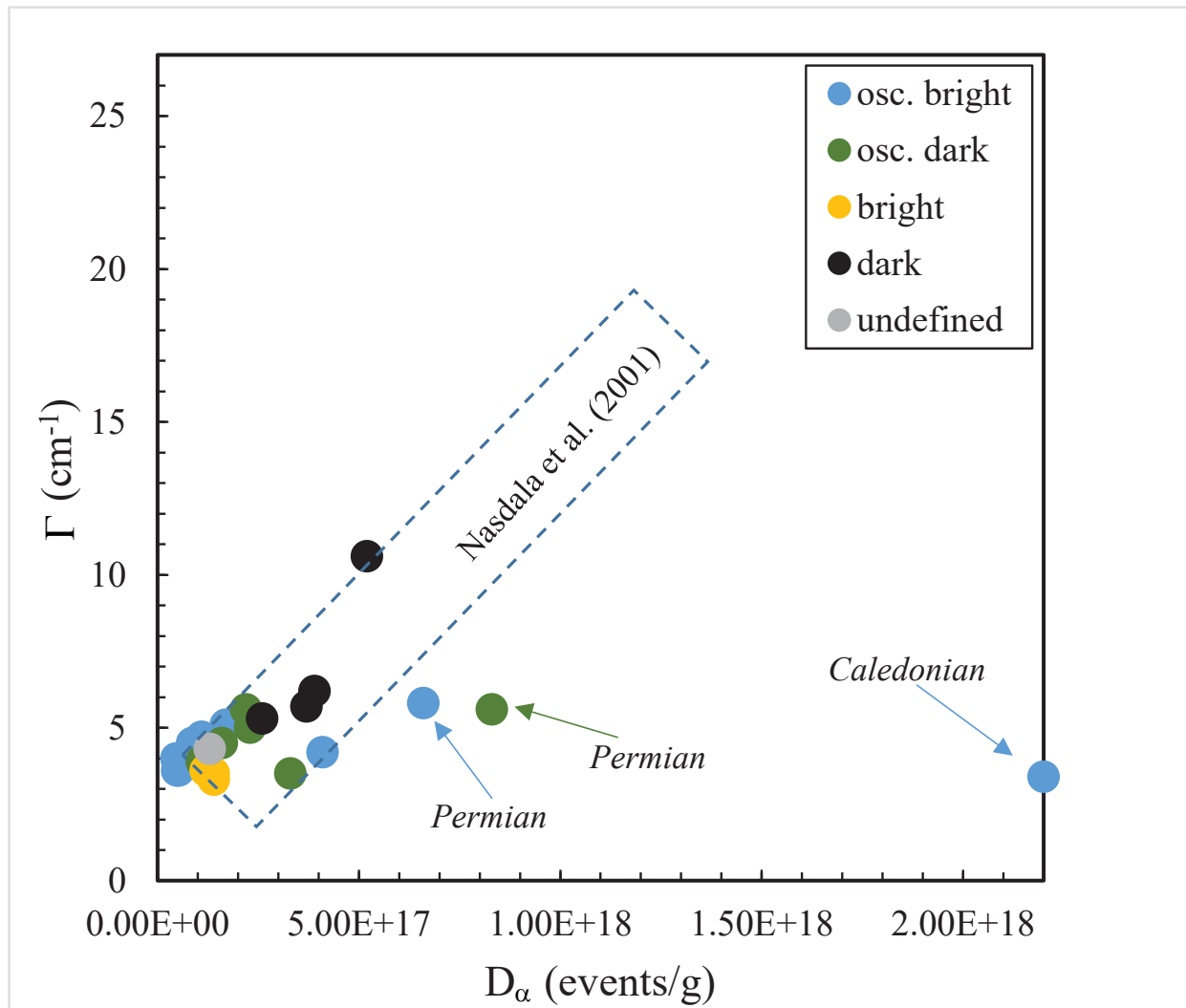


FIGURE 7

