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2 **Fluid-rock interaction and fluid mixing in the large Furong tin deposit, South**  
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16 **Abstract**

17 The Furong tin deposit (South China) is genetically associated with the multiphase  
18 Qitianling batholith that consists of main-phase and minor but more fractionated  
19 late-phase granites. Several tourmaline and apatite generations are distinguished.  
20 Tourmaline (Tur) variants comprise pre-ore Tur-1 as disseminations and nodules in the  
21 late-phase granite, pre- to syn-ore Tur-2 as replacements in nodules and as veins

22 crosscutting the late-phase granite and nodules, syn-ore Tur-3 in tin greisens, pre- to  
23 syn-ore Tur-4 as veins in the altered main-phase granite, and syn-ore Tur-5 from tin  
24 skarns in a distinct Ca-rich environment. Apatite (Ap) generations include accessory  
25 Ap-G in the main-phase granite, and Ap-I to Ap-III from three stages related to  
26 skarn-type mineralization (garnet-diopside stage-I, pargasite-phlogopite-cassiterite  
27 stage-II, and sulfide-rich stage-III). Textural and compositional features suggest that all  
28 tourmaline variants are hydrothermal in origin with alkali and schorl to foitite  
29 composition and minor extensions to calcic and X-site vacant tourmaline groups, whereas  
30 all apatite generations belong to fluorapatite with Ap-G crystallizing from the magma and  
31 Ap-I to Ap-III being hydrothermal in origin. The narrow range of tourmaline  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values  
32 ( $-14.8$  to  $-10.4$  ‰) suggests a single magmatic boron source in the ore-forming fluids.  
33 The similar rare earth element patterns and  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$  values ( $-8.2$  to  $-5.9$  for Ap-G and  $-8.0$   
34 to  $-7.3$  for Ap-I) between magmatic and hydrothermal apatite indicate that the  
35 skarn-forming fluids are dominantly derived from granites. The  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios of Ap-I to  
36 Ap-III ( $0.70733$ – $0.70795$ ) are similar to the carbonate wall rocks, but distinctly different  
37 from the more radiogenic granites, indicating Sr exchange with carbonate rocks.  
38 Integrating previous H–O isotopic data, the tourmaline and apatite elemental and  
39 B–Sr–Nd results suggest that the greisen-type ore formed by interaction of B-, Na-, Li-,  
40 Zn-, and Sn-rich magmatic fluids with the late-phase granite in a closed and reduced  
41 feldspar-destructive environment, whereas the tin skarns resulted from mixing of

42 magmatic fluids with meteoric water and interaction with the carbonate wall rocks in an  
43 open system where oxygen fugacity changed from reduced to oxidized conditions.  
44 During fluid-rock interactions and fluid mixing, considerable Ca, Mg, V, Ni, and Sr from  
45 the host rocks were introduced into the ore system. Coupled hydrothermal minerals such  
46 as tourmaline and apatite have great potential to fingerprint the nature, source, and  
47 evolution of fluids in granite-related ore systems.

48 **Key words:** Tourmaline and apatite chemistry, B–Sr–Nd isotopes, fluid tracer;  
49 fluid-rock interaction and fluid mixing; tin deposits

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## Introduction

52 Constraining the nature, source, and evolution of ore-forming fluids remains  
53 challenging, due to the restriction of H–O isotopes to just a few favorable mineral species  
54 and difficulty in identifying primary fluid inclusions and their paragenesis ([Legros et al.](#)  
55 [2018](#); [Andersson et al. 2019](#)). The chemical and isotopic records in hydrothermal  
56 minerals thus provide an alternative way to resolve this issue ([Jiang et al. 1999](#); [Su et al.](#)  
57 [2016](#); [Legros et al. 2018](#); [Codeço et al. 2021](#)). Tourmaline and apatite have been  
58 considered as two of the best minerals for this role, due to their broad range in elemental  
59 composition and retention of chemical and isotopic signatures ([Harlov 2015](#); [Andersson](#)  
60 [et al. 2019](#); [Dutrow and Henry 2018](#)). Recent advances of analytical techniques, such as  
61 laser ablation–inductively coupled plasma–mass spectrometry (LA–ICP–MS),

62 LA–MC–ICP–MS (MC = multi–collector), and secondary ion mass spectrometry, also  
63 permit high-precision in situ analyses of trace elements and B–Sr–Nd isotopes in  
64 tourmaline and apatite, which can provide detailed information on the fluid environment  
65 during crystal growth (Slack and Trumbull 2011; Zhao et al. 2015). However, an  
66 important precondition to use them as aids in deciphering ore genesis is the clear  
67 temporal-spatial link between tourmaline/apatite and ore minerals. Tourmaline in  
68 granite-related Sn deposits is usually paragenetically early and partly formed prior to tin  
69 ores (Trumbull et al. 2020). So far, there are still relatively few studies on syn-ore  
70 tourmaline from Sn deposits (Jiang et al. 2004; Duchoslav et al. 2017; Harlaux et al.  
71 2020). Apatite has been widely used to constrain the petrogenesis of igneous rocks (Sha  
72 and Chappell 1999; Chu et al. 2009), discriminate mineralized from barren intrusions  
73 (Belousova et al. 2002; Cao et al. 2011), and decipher the ore-forming processes of  
74 iron-oxide apatite, iron-oxide copper gold, porphyry and skarn W–Cu deposits (Zeng et al.  
75 2016; Adlakha et al. 2018; Cao et al. 2021). However, apatite chemistry as a potential  
76 indicator for granite-related Sn mineralization has rarely been explored.

77 The large Furong Sn deposit (530,000 t Sn at 0.8 % Sn) in the Nanling Range, South  
78 China, is associated with the Mid–Late Jurassic Qitianling granite batholith of A-type and  
79 ilmenite-series affinity (Fig. 1; Mao et al. 2004; Yuan et al. 2011; Zhao et al. 2012; Chen  
80 et al. 2021a). Tin greisens and skarns are dominant in this deposit, with cassiterite U–Pb  
81 ages of ~158 Ma (Yuan et al. 2011; Wang et al. 2014), consistent with the zircon U–Pb

82 ages of 163–153 Ma for the Qitianling granites (Zhu et al. 2009; Chen et al. 2021a). At  
83 Furong, tourmaline widely occurs as disseminated grains, nodules, vein fill, and  
84 replacements in granites and tin ores, and apatite is observed in granites, skarns, and tin  
85 ores, providing the opportunity to unravel the nature, source, and evolution of the  
86 ore-forming fluids. Yang et al. (2015) proposed that the disseminated, nodular, to  
87 veinlet/vein tourmaline in the Qitianling batholith, about 10 km to the north of the Furong  
88 deposit, represented an idealized sequence from parental granite through  
89 magmatic-hydrothermal transition and finally to hydrothermal stages. However,  
90 tourmaline stability in granitic systems depends on the Al saturation of the melt, and  
91 tourmaline is strongly unstable in granitic systems with  $Al_2O_3/(CaO+Na_2O+K_2O)$   
92  $(A/CNK) < 1.2$  at 700–750°C, regardless of the B content of the melt (Wolf and London  
93 1997). The Qitianling granites have A/CNK values lower than 1.1 and zircon saturation  
94 temperatures of 747–860°C (Chen et al. 2021a). Besides, the Qitianling granites have  
95 whole-rock B contents of 14–37 ppm (Zhao et al. 2011), much lower than the minimum  
96 B contents of 500–3000 ppm to achieve tourmaline saturation even for peraluminous  
97 granitic melts (Pesquera et al. 2013). Thus, it is unlikely for the Qitianling magma to  
98 reach tourmaline saturation, and the tourmaline origin should be reconsidered. Also, the  
99 relationship between hydrothermal tourmaline in the samples by Yang et al. (2015) and  
100 tin mineralization is unclear.

101 This work presents paragenetic information, micro-textures, in situ elemental, and

102 B–Sr–Nd isotopic compositions of tourmaline and apatite at the Furong deposit. These  
103 data allow us to constrain the origin of the Furong deposit, and highlight the suitability of  
104 coupled tourmaline and apatite as tracers of the nature, source, and evolution of  
105 ore-forming fluids in granite-related ore systems.

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### **Geologic setting**

108 The Nanling Range is located in central South China, which is developed by  
109 amalgamation of the Yangtze and Cathaysia Blocks at ~900 Ma along the  
110 Jiangshan–Shaoxing fault zone in the northeast and Chenzhou–Linwu fault zone in the  
111 southwest (Fig. 1a; Li et al. 2009; Wang et al. 2013). The regional NNE-trending  
112 Chenzhou–Linwu fault runs across the Nanling Range (Fig. 1b). The basement of the  
113 Nanling Range comprises Neoproterozoic to Silurian low-grade metamorphic clastic  
114 sedimentary rocks, covered by Devonian to Cretaceous clastic, carbonate, and volcanic  
115 rocks (Fig. 1b; Yuan et al. 2019). Besides minor Devonian–Triassic granites, the  
116 Mid–Late Jurassic (165–150 Ma) granites cover the largest map area (Fig. 1b; Gilder et al.  
117 1996; Li et al. 2018) and are closely associated with Sn–W mineralization, such as the  
118 world-class Shizhuyuan, Xianghualing, Xitian, Xihuashan, and Furong deposits, forming  
119 one of the world’s most important Sn–W provinces (Fig. 1b; Mao et al. 2013; Yuan et al.  
120 2019).

121 The Furong Sn deposit occurs at the southern margin of the Qitianling batholith

122 (Figs. 1b and 1c). The exposed strata mainly comprise Carboniferous to Permian clastic  
123 and carbonate rocks with minor Triassic carbonate rocks, which are folded with  
124 NNE-trending fold axes (Fig. 1c). Faults in the Furong deposit are mainly NNE- and  
125 NE-trending (Fig. 1c). The Qitianling batholith with an exposed area of ~520 km<sup>2</sup> (Figs.  
126 1b and 1c) consists of porphyritic, main-phase, hornblende-biotite and biotite  
127 monzogranite (main-phase granite) and minor fine-grained late-phase  
128 biotite-siderophyllite alkali-feldspar granite (late-phase granite). The two granite phases  
129 were coeval with U–Pb ages of 163–153 Ma (Zhu et al. 2009; Chen et al. 2021a), and  
130 formed by incremental assembly of multiple magma pulses (Chen et al. 2021a).  
131 Compared to the metaluminous main-phase granite with A/CNK values of 0.8–1.0, the  
132 late-phase granite has a more evolved and metaluminous to weakly-peraluminous  
133 composition with A/CNK values of 1.0–1.1 (Zhao et al. 2012; Chen et al. 2021a).

134 Tin orebodies at Furong are mainly distributed in the Bailashui-Anyuan (BA; largest  
135 resource with 430,000 t Sn at 0.8 % Sn), Heishanli-Maziping (HM), and  
136 Shanmenkou-Goutongling zones, from northwest to southeast (Fig. 1c; Mao et al. 2004).  
137 Tin mineralization is dominated in greisen- and skarn-types, although some other types  
138 are also recognized. Tin mineralization is directly related to the more fractionated  
139 late-phase granite, as shown by the intimate spatiotemporal association (Yuan et al. 2011;  
140 Chen et al. 2021a). Greisen-type mineralization occurs within the late-phase granite at the  
141 HM zone (Fig. 1c). The paragenetic sequence can be subdivided into three main stages

142 (Appendix 1a (App. 1a)): pre-ore (quartz + albite + K-feldspar + tourmaline), syn-ore  
143 (quartz + muscovite + tourmaline + fluorite + cassiterite  $\pm$  sulfides), and post-ore (calcite  
144 + fluorite) stages. At the BA zone, the skarn-type No. 19 orebody is mainly overprinted  
145 on an irregular Permian limestone ‘raft’ inside the main-phase granite, and bounded by  
146 two NNE-trending faults (Fig. 2). The mineralization formed in four stages (App. 1b):  
147 prograde stage-I (garnet + diopside), retrograde stage-II (vesuvianite + pargasite +  
148 phlogopite + fluorite + sellaite + cassiterite + magnetite, the main ore-forming stage),  
149 sulfide-rich stage-III (quartz + pyrite + arsenopyrite + chalcopyrite + sphalerite +  
150 cassiterite; less important tin mineralization), and late stage-IV (fluorite + calcite).

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### 152 **Tourmaline occurrence and paragenesis**

153 Five types of tourmaline (Tur) were identified at Furong, including Tur-1, Tur-2, and  
154 Tur-3 at the HM zone, and Tur-4 and Tur-5 at the BA zone. Their characteristics and  
155 paragenesis are summarized as below.

156 ***Tur-1 to Tur-3:*** Pre-ore Tur-1 occurs as disseminations and nodules in the late-phase  
157 granite. The disseminated Tur-1 occurs interstitial to quartz, K-feldspar, and albite (Fig.  
158 3a). It is fine-grained and subhedral with tan to blue-green pleochroism (Fig. 3a), and  
159 homogeneous in backscattered electron (BSE) images (Fig. 3b). Spherical to elliptic  
160 quartz-Tur-1 nodules with varying diameters (0.5–10 cm) are distributed within the  
161 late-phase granite (Fig. 3c). The nodules consist of > 50 vol% quartz, and > 45 vol%



162 tourmaline with minor albite, muscovite, and fluorite (Figs. 3d–3g). They are rimmed by  
163 a 0.5–2 cm wide leucocratic halo (Fig. 3c), which contains more K-feldspar, less albite,  
164 and is devoid of tourmaline and mafic minerals like biotite and siderophyllite, compared  
165 with the late-phase host granite. The nodular Tur-1 is brown in color and includes  
166 euhedral quartz and albite grains (Fig. 3d), with a homogeneous BSE image (Fig. 3f).  
167 Tur-2 replacements and veins are observed at the pre- to syn-ore stage. Within the  
168 nodules, the brown Tur-1 is replaced by blue Tur-2, minor fluorite and muscovite (Fig.  
169 3e), when muscovite replaces albite (Fig. 3g). The nodular Tur-2 is characterized by  
170 pitted surfaces with visible voids and tiny fluorite inclusions (Figs. 3e and 3f). Locally, it  
171 is included by or intergrown with arsenopyrite (Fig. 3h), indicating its formation at the  
172 pre- to syn-ore stage. Quartz-Tur-2 veins with mafic mineral-absent, leucocratic halos  
173 crosscut the late-phase granite and locally the Tur-1 nodules (Fig. 3i), indicating that the  
174 vein-type Tur-2 postdates Tur-1. It also coexists with minor muscovite (Fig. 3j). It shows  
175 pleochroism from orange to yellow-green and blue (Fig. 3j), and has weak patchy zoning  
176 in BSE images (Fig. 3k). Syn-ore Tur-3 occurs in greisen-type ores. Anhedral to  
177 subhedral and fine-grained Tur 3 co-exists with abundant cassiterite and muscovite (Figs.  
178 3l and 3m). It is bluish to light brown in color (Fig. 3l), and shows weak oscillatory  
179 zoning in BSE images (Fig. 3m). Locally, Tur-3 co-exists with arsenopyrite (Fig. 3n) and  
180 chalcopyrite (Fig. 3o). It shows tan to blue-green pleochroism (Fig. 3n) with a  
181 homogeneous BSE image (Fig. 3o).

182        ***Tur-4 to Tur-5:*** A 30–60 cm wide quartz-Tur-4 vein crosscuts the main-phase  
183 granite (Fig. 4a). Along the vein occur leucocratic halos (Fig. 4a), in which plagioclase is  
184 intensively replaced by sericite. Tur-4 consists mainly of radiating, coarse-grained,  
185 euhedral prismatic crystals (Fig. 4b), comprising dark bluish cores and dark tan rims (Fig.  
186 4b). It shows oscillatory zoning in BSE images (Fig. 4c). Tur-4 is locally intergrown with  
187 or replaced by muscovite (Fig. 4d) and sphalerite (Fig. 4e), implying that it formed at the  
188 pre- to syn-ore stage. Tur-5 co-exists with pargasite, fluorite, and cassiterite, replacing  
189 vesuvianite in the stage-II skarn-type ore (Fig. 4f). It is bluish to blue in color (Fig. 4f)  
190 with patchy zoning in BSE images (Fig. 4g).

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### 192                                    **Apatite occurrence and paragenesis**

193        Four apatite (Ap) generations were distinguished at the BA zone, including Ap-G in  
194 the unaltered main-phase granite away from the quartz-Tur-4 veins, and Ap-I, Ap-II, and  
195 Ap-III from stages-I to III related to the skarn-type mineralization. Apatite is not observed  
196 at the HM zone. The apatite characteristics and paragenesis are summarized as below.

197        ***Ap-G:*** As an ubiquitous accessory mineral in the main-phase granite, Ap-G has  
198 subhedral to euhedral, tabular, and locally hexagonal shape, with crystals up to 400 µm  
199 long and 100 µm wide (Fig. 5a). Ap-G is generally included by biotite (Fig. 5a).  
200 Regardless of the very narrow rims that are unanalyzable by LA(–MC)–ICP–MS, Ap-G  
201 mainly displays yellow-green to light green luminescence in cathodoluminescence (CL)

202 images (Fig. 5b), and is relatively homogeneous and bright in BSE images (Fig. 5c).

203       *Ap-I to Ap-III:* Ap-I is observed in stage-I garnet skarn (Fig. 5d). It occurs as  
204 subhedral to anhedral fine grains (up to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter), and is mainly blue with  
205 very narrow green rims in CL images (Fig. 5e), and homogeneous in BSE images (Fig.  
206 5f). Apatite also occurs interstitial to diopside grains in the diopside-pargasite skarn, and  
207 it is relatively large with diameter of up to 600  $\mu\text{m}$  (Fig. 5g). It displays zoning textures  
208 with blue cores and green rims in CL images (Fig. 5h). In BSE images, the cores are  
209 brighter than the rims (Fig. 5i). The co-existing diopside is replaced by pargasite (Figs. 5g  
210 and 5i). Thus, the blue cores are considered to be Ap-I, whereas the green rims are  
211 categorized as Ap-II. In addition, Ap-II disseminations and veinlets also occur in stage-II  
212 skarn-type tin ores, and show an intimate association with pargasite, fluorite, and  
213 cassiterite (Fig. 5j). In CL images, Ap-II dominantly shows green luminescence, and  
214 locally has very small blue cores (Fig. 5k), which is very weak to indiscernible in  
215 high-contrast BSE images (Fig. 5l). Subhedral to anhedral fine-grained Ap-III co-exists  
216 with sphalerite at the sulfide-rich stage-III (Fig. 5m). It displays green luminescence, or  
217 color zonation with light bluish grey cores and green rims in CL images (Fig. 5n), but is  
218 homogeneous in BSE images (Fig. 5o).

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## 220                               **Samples and analytical methods**

221       Ten tourmaline-bearing samples (Fig. 1c) and eight apatite-bearing samples (Fig. 2)

222 were collected from the Furong deposit. After a detailed examination of tourmaline and  
223 apatite micro-textures under BSE and optical CL images, in situ major- and  
224 trace-elemental compositions of both minerals were measured by electron probe  
225 microanalysis (EPMA) and LA-ICP-MS, respectively. In situ tourmaline B and apatite  
226 Sr-Nd isotope spot analyses were then determined using LA-MC-ICP-MS. The  
227 analytical methods are described in App. 2.

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## 229 **Results**

### 230 **Major- and trace-elemental composition of tourmaline**

231 Major- and trace-elemental compositions of the Furong tourmaline are given in App.  
232 3, and the average elemental compositions of selected elements are summarized in [Table](#)  
233 [1](#). The analyzed tourmaline mostly plots in the alkali group and has schorlitic  
234 composition, with a minor subset belonging to the calcic and X-site vacant groups and  
235 foitite ([Figs. 6a–6c](#); [Henry and Guidotti 1985](#); [Henry et al. 2011](#)). At the HM zone, Tur-1  
236 and Tur-2 have similar compositions, but Tur-2 from the nodules has slightly lower Mg  
237 and F than the corresponding Tur-1 from individual crystals ([Figs. 7a and 7b](#)), and minor  
238 Tur-2 shows Ca, Fe/(Fe+Mg), Mg, and F close to Tur-3 ([Table 1](#); [Figs. 6a–6f](#)). Compared  
239 to Tur-1, Tur-3 has higher Ca,  $X_{\square}$  (vacancy in X-site), Mg, lower Fe/(Fe+Mg), Fe, F, and  
240 similar Al contents ([Table 1](#); [Figs. 6a–6f](#)). Relative to tourmaline variants at the HM zone,

241 Tur-4 at the BA zone exhibits high Ca, X<sub>□</sub>, Mg, Al, and low Fe/(Fe+Mg), Fe, F contents,  
242 while Tur-5 is characterized by the highest Ca, high but variable Fe, Mg, and low  
243 Fe/(Fe+Mg), Al, X<sub>□</sub>, F contents (Table 1; Figs. 6a–6f).

244 Tourmaline at Furong has relatively high concentrations (several to thousands of  
245 ppm) of Li, Be, Sc, V, Cr, Co, Ni, Zn, Ga, Sr, and Sn, with concentrations of other trace  
246 and rare earth elements (REE) analyzed generally low or below the detection limit (App.  
247 3). At the HM zone, Tur-1 and Tur-2 have similar abundances in most trace elements, but  
248 the latter shows slightly lower Li and higher Sn, close to Tur-3 (Table 1; Figs. 6g–6l).  
249 Compared to the nodular Tur-1, the corresponding Tur-2 from individual crystals has  
250 lower Li, Sc, Zn, and higher Sn (Figs. 7c–7f). Relative to Tur-1, Tur-3 has lower Li, Zn,  
251 higher V, Sr, Sn, and similar Ni contents (Table 1; Figs. 6g–6l). At the BA zone, Tur-4  
252 and Tur-5 have high V, Ni, Sr, and Sn concentrations, with the former showing the lowest  
253 Li and Zn (Table 1; Figs. 6g–6l).

#### 254 **Boron isotope composition of tourmaline**

255 The B isotope compositions of the Furong tourmaline are shown in Fig. 8a, and the  
256 full dataset is reported in App. 4. The measured  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values of all tourmaline types vary  
257 narrowly from  $-14.8$  to  $-10.4$  ‰ (N=106) (Fig. 8a). Tur-2 in the nodules has higher  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$   
258 values than the corresponding Tur-1 from individual crystals (Fig. 8b).

259           **Major- and trace-elemental composition of apatite**

260           Major- and trace-elemental compositions of the Furong apatite are given in App. 5,  
261 and the average compositions of selected elements are summarized in [Table 2](#). Four  
262 apatite types exhibit no systematic difference in CaO and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> contents ([Table 2](#)), and all  
263 of them belong to fluorapatite with high F concentrations of 2.4–4.3 wt% and low SiO<sub>2</sub>,  
264 SO<sub>3</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, BaO, Na<sub>2</sub>O, K<sub>2</sub>O, and Cl concentrations ([Table 2](#)).

265           Trace elements like Na, Fe, Mn, V, Ga, Sr, Y, REE, Pb, Th and U in the Furong  
266 apatite were always detected ([Table 2](#)), whereas other elements analyzed were mostly  
267 below the detection limit. Ap-G has high Fe, Mn, Ga, Na, REE, Y, and low V, Sr, Th, U  
268 contents, Sr/Y ratios ([Fig. 9](#)). It shows light REE (LREE)-enriched chondrite-normalized  
269 REE patterns, with La<sub>N</sub>/Yb<sub>N</sub> ratios of 5.4–13.1 and extremely negative Eu anomaly ( $\delta\text{Eu}$   
270  $< 0.1$ ; [Table 2](#); [Fig. 10a](#)). In contrast, Ap-I to Ap-III from skarns generally have high V, Sr,  
271 Th, U, and Sr/Y, and low Na, Fe, Mn, Ga, REE, and Y concentrations ([Fig. 9](#)). Their REE  
272 patterns are also LREE-enriched but with higher La<sub>N</sub>/Yb<sub>N</sub> ratios of 13.2–87.0 and  $\delta\text{Eu}$   
273 mostly of 0.3–0.7 ([Table 2](#); [Figs. 10b](#) and [10c](#)). Besides, Ap-II has slightly lower REE  
274 and Y than Ap-I ([Table 2](#); [Figs. 9c](#) and [9e](#)).

275           **Sr–Nd isotope composition of apatite**

276           A total of 51 Sr isotopic spot analyses were obtained from Ap-I to Ap-III, whereas Sr  
277 contents of Ap-G are too low for in-situ Sr isotopic analysis by the LA–MC–ICP–MS

278 technique. Thirty-six spots of Nd isotopic analyses were conducted on Ap-G and Ap-I,  
279 but the Nd isotopic composition of the other Nd-poor apatite types is unmeasurable. The  
280 apatite Sr–Nd isotopic results are listed in App. 6.

281 Ap-I to Ap-III have extremely low Rb/Sr ratios ( $<0.01$ ; App. 6), so that their  
282 present-day  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios are not significantly affected by  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  decay and provide a  
283 record of the initial Sr isotopic signatures. Ap-I to Ap-III have mutually indistinguishable  
284  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios ranging from 0.70733 to 0.70795 (Fig. 11a). The  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$  values of Ap-G and  
285 Ap-I were calculated for 160 Ma (zircon U–Pb age for the main-phase granite; Zhu et al.  
286 2009) and 158 Ma (cassiterite U–Pb age for tin mineralization; Yuan et al. 2011),  
287 respectively. Ap-G and Ap-I have overlapping  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$  values of  $-8.2$  to  $-5.9$  and two-stage  
288 model ages ( $T_{\text{DM}2}$ ) of 1428–1615 Ma (Fig. 11b).

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## Discussion

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### Tourmaline and apatite origin

292 High-temperature hydrothermal overprint (i.e., subsolidus alteration) during the  
293 magmatic-hydrothermal transition is seen in the Qitianling late-phase granite, as shown  
294 by the occurrence of turbid albite and high-U, structure-damaged zircons (Haapala 1997;  
295 Zhang et al. 2017), and the extremely low whole-rock Nb/Ta ratios (down to 2.9) and  
296 REE tetrad effects (Chen et al. 2021a). Considering the instability of tourmaline in the

297 metaluminous to weakly peraluminous late-phase granite, we infer that the disseminated  
298 Tur-1 at the HM zone (Fig. 3a) is formed during the subsolidus alteration process, similar  
299 to siderophyllite from highly-evolved granites related to rare-metal mineralization  
300 (Mohamed et al. 1999). The leucocratic halos surrounding Tur-1 nodules (Fig. 3c)  
301 suggest crystallization of the nodular Tur-1 favored by decomposition of biotite and  
302 siderophyllite, possibly at subsolidus conditions (Wolf and London 1997; Harlaux et al.  
303 2020). The similar compositions between the disseminated and nodular Tur-1 subtypes  
304 also suggest the same hydrothermal origin. Tur-2 occurs as replacements in tourmaline  
305 nodules (Fig. 3e) and as veins crosscutting the late-phase granite and nodules (Fig. 3i). It  
306 co-exists with muscovite (Figs. 3g and 3j) and fluorite (Figs. 3e and 3f). Tur-2  
307 replacements particularly show systematic differences in elemental and B isotopic  
308 compositions compared to the nodular Tur-1 (Figs. 7 and 8b), suggesting a hydrothermal  
309 origin for Tur-2. Tur-3 in tin greisens was formed during interaction of hydrothermal  
310 fluids with the late-phase granite, which was accompanied by precipitation of muscovite,  
311 cassiterite, and/or sulfides (Figs. 3l–3o). At the BA zone, Tur-4 occurs as veins  
312 crosscutting the main-phase granite (Fig. 4a), and Tur-5 replaces vesuvianite in the  
313 stage-II skarn-type ore (Fig. 4f). Both of them show contrasting compositions compared  
314 to Tur-1 to Tur-3 at the HM zone (Fig. 6), indicating a hydrothermal origin for Tur-4 and  
315 Tur-5 in a different host-rock environment. The distinct and complex chemical  
316 environment for the skarns explains the heterogeneous composition of Tur-5. Hence, all



317 five tourmaline variants are of hydrothermal origin.

318 In the main-phase granite, accessory Ap-G has high F, Fe, Mn, Ga, REE, and Y, and  
319 low V and Sr contents (Table 2; Figs. 9a–9e), features typical of magmatic apatite from  
320 granitoids (Sha and Chappell 1999; Chu et al. 2009). In the Mn–Sr, Y–Sr, and  
321 LREE–Sr/Y diagrams (Figs. 9b, 9c and 9f; Belousova et al. 2002; O’Sullivan et al. 2020),  
322 Ap-G plots mostly in the granite, granite pegmatite, and alkali-rich igneous rocks fields.  
323 Based on the parent rock REE concentrations (Zhao et al. 2012; Chen et al. 2021a) and  
324  $D_{\text{REE}}^{\text{ap/melt}}$  (Fujimaki 1986), the calculated REE abundances for ideal apatite equilibrated  
325 with the main-phase granite show identical patterns to the measured results (Fig. 10a).  
326 Besides, Ap-G shares similar Nd isotopic characteristics to the host granite (Fig. 11b;  
327 Zhao et al. 2012). Thus, Ap-G is magmatic in origin. In contrast, the skarn-hosted Ap-I to  
328 Ap-III (Figs. 5d–5o) have distinctly different elemental compositions from Ap-G (Fig. 9).  
329 They plot out of the granite-related fields in the Mn–Sr and Y–Sr diagrams (Figs. 9b and  
330 9c), and extend to the hydrothermal apatite field in the LREE–Sr/Y diagram (Fig. 9f).  
331 They also show right-inclined REE patterns (Figs. 10b and 10c), comparable to  
332 hydrothermal apatite from skarns elsewhere (Adlakha et al. 2018). These features  
333 demonstrate they are of hydrothermal origin. In summary, Ap-G at Furong crystallized  
334 directly from the magma, whereas skarn-hosted Ap-I to Ap-III are hydrothermal in origin.  
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336 **Source of the magma and ore-forming fluids**

337 The magmatic Ap-G has  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$  and  $T_{\text{DM2}}$  values similar to the whole-rock data for the  
338 Qitianling granites (Fig. 11b; Zhao et al. 2012; Chen et al. 2021a), supporting the  
339 previous conclusion that the magma derived from partial melting of an old crustal source  
340 with minor involvement from a mafic magma (Zhao et al. 2012; Chen et al. 2021a).

341 All tourmaline variants at Furong have consistent  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values ( $-14.8$  to  $-10.4$  ‰;  
342 Fig. 9a), overlapping with the whole-rock data ( $-14.0$  to  $-10.9$  ‰,  $N=5$ ) for the  
343 Qitianling granites (Fig. 12a; Zhao et al. 2011), and those of tourmalines from  
344 granite-related systems worldwide (Fig. 12a; Marschall and Jiang 2011). This suggests a  
345 single magmatic boron source in the ore-forming fluids. The temperature-dependent  
346 tourmaline-fluid B isotope fractionation (Meyer et al. 2008) is used to calculate the  
347  $\delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{fluid}}$  values. The quartz-tourmaline oxygen isotope thermometer has yielded  
348 crystallization temperatures of  $\sim 650^\circ\text{C}$  for disseminated and nodular tourmaline at the  
349 magmatic-hydrothermal transition, and  $\sim 550^\circ\text{C}$  for tourmaline as post-magmatic  
350 replacements and veins in tin-bearing granites elsewhere (Harlaux et al. 2021). These  
351 temperatures are adopted for Tur-1 and Tur-2/Tur-4 in this study, respectively (App.4).  
352 Fluid inclusions in quartz have homogenization temperatures of  $\sim 350^\circ\text{C}$  for the  
353 Tur-3-bearing tin greisens, and  $\sim 400^\circ\text{C}$  for the Tur-5-bearing tin skarns at Furong  
354 (Shuang et al. 2009). These microthermometric data are used without pressure correction  
355 because fluid boiling was observed (Shuang et al. 2009).

356 At the HM zone, the calculated  $\delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{fluid}}$  values increase from  $-13.7$  to  $-11.6$  ‰ (avg.  
357  $-12.7$  ‰) for the pre-ore fluid, through  $-13.2$  to  $-8.8$  ‰ (avg.  $-11.6$  ‰) for the pre- to  
358 syn-ore fluid, to  $-11.3$  to  $-9.6$  ‰ (avg.  $-10.4$  ‰) for the syn-ore fluid (App. 4; Fig. 12b).  
359 This small increase in  $\delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{fluid}}$  values is likely influenced by Rayleigh fractionation in a  
360 closed magmatic-hydrothermal system. The similarity in H–O isotopic composition  
361 between quartz from tin greisens ( $\delta\text{D}_{\text{fluid}} = -89$  to  $-62$  ‰ and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid}} = 5.5$  to  $7.6$  ‰;  
362 Shuang et al. 2009) and typical magmatic fluids (Sheppard 1986) also precludes the  
363 ingress of external fluids. Because of the progressive  $^{11}\text{B}$  enrichment in the residual fluid  
364 during tourmaline precipitation (Jiang et al. 1999; Marschall et al. 2009), the lowest  
365  $\delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{fluid}}$  value ( $-13.7$  ‰) of the pre-ore fluid is assumed to be the  $^{11}\text{B}$  value of the initial  
366 magmatic fluid. Model calculations based on Rayleigh fractionation show that the  
367 consumption of  $\sim 98$  to  $\sim 73$  % at  $650$ – $350$  °C of the initial boron budgets would increase  
368 the  $\delta^{11}\text{B}$  values of the residual fluid to achieve the largest  $\delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{fluid}}$  value ( $-9.6$  ‰) of the  
369 syn-ore fluid (Fig. 12b).

370 At the BA zone, the  $\delta^{11}\text{B}_{\text{fluid}}$  values calculated from Tur-4 and Tur-5 range from  
371  $-12.7$  to  $-9.8$  ‰ (avg  $-11.0$  ‰), similar to those at the HM zone (Fig. 12b), indicating  
372 the same magmatic origin for the ore-forming fluids with respect to boron. The  
373 skarn-hosted Ap-I to Ap-III show REE patterns similar to the magmatic Ap-G, but distinct  
374 from the carbonate wall rocks (Fig. 10), suggesting an intimate association between the  
375 magma and ore-forming fluids, as supported by the consistence in Nd isotopic

376 compositions of Ap-I with Ap-G and the Qitianling granites (Fig. 11b). However, Ap-I to  
377 Ap-III have  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios (0.70733–0.70795) lower than the Qitianling granites  
378 (0.70913–0.71315; Zhao et al. 2012), but similar to Permian carbonate rocks  
379 (0.70698–0.70753; Yan and Wu 2004) (Fig. 11a), indicating the significant Sr  
380 contribution of the carbonate wall rocks by fluid-rock interaction, and/or the addition of  
381 meteoric water that equilibrated with limestone. This is consistent with the  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios  
382 of 0.7083–0.7091 (N=11) and  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}(t)}$  of –9.4 to –0.7 (N=10) of separated fluorite from the  
383 same orebody (Yuan et al. 2008), although these data vary dramatically. The H–O  
384 isotopic compositions for quartz from the stage-III sulfide-rich ores ( $\delta\text{D}_{\text{fluid}} = -67$  to  
385  $-62$  ‰ and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{fluid}} = -5.1$  to  $-1.3$  ‰; Shuang et al. 2009) lie between those for  
386 magmatic and meteoric waters (Sheppard 1986), implying the involvement of meteoric  
387 water at stage-III. Thus, the extremely B-poor carbonate wall rocks and meteoric water  
388 (<4 ppm; Pennisi et al. 2000; Xu et al. 2021) have little influenced the magmatic B  
389 isotopic system.

390 In summary, tin greisens at Furong formed in a closed magmatic-hydrothermal  
391 system, whereas tin skarns resulted from fluid-rock interaction and mixing between  
392 magmatic fluid and wall rock-derived meteoric water. The tourmaline and apatite data are  
393 indicative of B, Nd, and Sr contributions from distinct reservoirs.

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395 **Nature of the ore-forming fluids**

396 Tourmaline is a robust indicator of its host rocks and fluid environment ([van](#)  
397 [Hinsberg 2011](#); [Hong et al. 2017](#); [Dutrow and Henry 2018](#)). Mineral–fluid trace element  
398 partition coefficients allow for the estimating of fluid compositions from the mineral  
399 composition ([van Hinsberg et al. 2017](#); [Dutrow and Henry 2018](#)). Unfortunately,  
400 tourmaline–fluid element partition coefficients ( $D^{\text{tur/fluid}}$ ) have not been determined  
401 experimentally. As an alternative, they can be calculated by combining experimental  
402 tourmaline-melt ([van Hinsberg 2011](#)) and fluid-melt ([Zajacz et al. 2008](#); [Iveson et al.](#)  
403 [2019](#)) D values, following the approach of [Keppler \(1996\)](#) (App. 2). The estimated  
404  $D^{\text{tur/fluid}}$  values are 0.2, 0.3, 0.1, and 1.9 for Na, Li, Zn, and Sr, respectively (App. 2). As a  
405 result, the calculated Na, Li, Zn, and Sr concentrations in the fluids fall in the range of  
406 2.8–7.1 wt%, 24–1224 ppm, 782–3619 ppm, and 0–229 ppm, respectively (App. 3; [Table](#)  
407 [1](#)). They are comparable to the analytical results by LA–ICP–MS on single fluid  
408 inclusions and estimations by mica compositions from granite-related tin deposits  
409 elsewhere ([Audétat et al. 2000a, 2000b](#); [Müller et al. 2001](#); [Codeço et al. 2021](#)). Tin  
410 contents in the fluids cannot be obtained due to lack of a  $D_{\text{Sn}}^{\text{tur/melt}}$  value. However, all  
411 tourmaline variants at Furong have much higher Sn contents (avg 107–435 ppm; [Table 2](#))  
412 than their host rocks (avg <25 ppm for bulk rock; [Zhao et al. 2012](#); [Wang et al. 2014](#);  
413 [Chen et al. 2021a](#)), probably indicating a Sn-rich fluid that exsolved from granitic melts  
414 ([Heinrich 1990](#); [Lehmann 1990, 2021](#)). Thus, the ore-forming fluids at Furong are rich in

415 B, Na, Li, Zn, and Sn, but relatively poor in Sr.

416 At the HM zone, the depletion of Li in Tur-2 and Tur-3 relative to Tur-1 ([Table 1](#);  
417 [Fig. 6g](#)) are accompanied by the presence of muscovite ([Figs. 3g, 3j, 3l, and 3m](#)), which  
418 preferentially incorporates Li from the fluids due to the large partition coefficient  
419 ( $D_{\text{Li}}^{\text{muscovite/tur}}$  of  $\sim 5.3$ ; [van Hinsberg et al. 2017](#)). Similarly, the decreasing Fe, F, and Zn  
420 from Tur-1 and Tur-2 to Tur-3 ([Table 1](#); [Figs. 6c, 6f and 6k](#)) can be explained by their  
421 preferential incorporation into co-existing Fe-rich cassiterite (our unpublished data),  
422 fluorite and sulfides, respectively (App.1; [Figs. 3l–3o](#)), although the X-site charge may  
423 also have an influence on F incorporation into tourmaline ([Henry and Dutrow 2011](#)). In  
424 contrast, the Mg, Ca, V, and Sr rise from Tur-1 and Tur-2 to Tur-3 ([Table 1](#); [Figs. 6a, 6c,](#)  
425 [6h and 6j](#)) imply the depletion of these components in the pre-ore fluid and addition of  
426 these components from the late-phase host granite by decomposition of mica and feldspar  
427 during greisenization. Tin is more enriched in Tur-2 and Tur-3 than in Tur-1 ([Table 1](#); [Fig.](#)  
428 [6l](#)). Some Sn would be released during the alteration of granites, but could be transported  
429 only over relatively short distances before precipitation as cassiterite ([Schmidt et al.](#)  
430 [2020](#)). In a series of experiments, [Zhao et al. \(2021\)](#) determined fluid/melt partition  
431 coefficients (1.9–35) for Sn and found that a fluid could efficiently extract Sn during fluid  
432 exsolution especially during the late-stage of magmatic evolution. Given that rare or no  
433 cassiterite coexists with the Sn-rich Tur-2, we ascribe the increasing Sn content with fluid  
434 evolution to late Sn-rich magmatic fluid pulses.

435 At the BA zone, Ca enrichment in Tur-4 and Tur-5 relative to Tur-1 to Tur-3 (Fig.  
436 6a), and the presence of abundant apatite and other Ca-rich skarn minerals (Figs. 5d–5o),  
437 indicate a Ca-rich environment. Considering the Sn-poor main-phase granite (avg 16 ppm;  
438 Zhao et al. 2012) and carbonate wall rocks (mostly <1 ppm; Wang et al. 2014), the strong  
439 Sn enrichment in Tur-4 and Tur-5 (Fig. 6l) may reflect a strongly Sn-rich fluid, consistent  
440 with the large tin reserve in this zone. Depletion of F, Li, and Zn in Tur-4 (Figs. 6f, 6g  
441 and 6k) can be ascribed to the occurrences of fluorite, muscovite (Fig. 4d), and sphalerite  
442 (Fig. 4e), respectively. Tur-4 is characterized by high Ca, Mg, V, Ni, and Sr contents  
443 (Table 1; Figs. 6a, 6c, and 6h–i), consistent with the composition of its main-phase host  
444 granite (Zhao et al. 2012). This probably demonstrates a derivation of these components  
445 from the host rocks. The highest Ca and high Mg, V, Ni, and Sr concentrations in  
446 skarn-hosted Tur-5 (Figs. 6a, 6c, and 6h–j) coincide with the composition of carbonate  
447 wall rocks (Wang et al. 2014). This indicates the significant contribution of carbonate  
448 rocks in these components to the skarn-forming fluids, as shown by the V and Sr  
449 enrichment (Figs. 9a–c) and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios (Fig. 11a) of the skarn-hosted Ap-I to Ap-III.  
450 REE and Y are generally leached out of apatite by Cl-rich fluids to form REE mineral  
451 inclusions like monazite (Harlov 2015; Andersson et al. 2019), but Na and Ca enrichment  
452 in the fluids would suppress the growth of these minerals (Harlov 2015; Zeng et al. 2016).  
453 The absence of coexisting REE minerals with Ap-II that replaces Ap-I is consistent with  
454 the Na- and Ca-rich fluids at the BA zone.

455 In summary, the ore-forming fluids at Furong are rich in B, Na, Li, Zn, and Sn.  
456 During fluid evolution, considerable Ca, Mg, V, Ni, and Sr from the host rocks were  
457 added into the ore-forming system by fluid-rock exchange and/or fluid mixing.

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### 459 **Oxygen fugacity and ore precipitation**

460 The abundances of redox-sensitive elements in apatite and elemental substitutions in  
461 tourmaline have been widely used as oxygen fugacity proxies (Sha and Chappell 1999;  
462 Henry and Dutrow 2012; Miles et al. 2014; Dutrow and Henry 2018). Under reduced  
463 conditions, apatite is generally enriched in Ga, Mn, and depleted in V contents (Sha and  
464 Chappell 1999; Miles et al. 2014). Such features observed in Ap-G (Figs. 9a, 9b and 9d)  
465 imply a relatively reduced condition for the Qitianling granites, consistent with their  
466 general ilmenite-series affinity and previous estimations from biotite composition and  
467 phase equilibrium experiments (~NNO buffer; Huang et al. 2019; Chen et al. 2021a).

468 Although Tur-5 displays scatter in Fig. 6c, compositional variabilities in all the  
469 tourmaline variants at Furong generally demonstrate combined substitutions of  
470  $(\text{AlO})[\text{R}^{2+}(\text{OH})]_{-1}$ ,  $(\text{AlO})(\text{R}^{2+}\text{F})_{-1}$ ,  $(\text{X}_{\square}\text{Al})(\text{NaR}^{2+})_{-1}$ , and  $({}^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}{}^{\text{T}}\text{Al})(\text{R}^{2+}\text{Si})_{-1}$ , where R  
471 represents Fe, Mg, and/or Mn, and  ${}^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}$  and  ${}^{\text{T}}\text{Al}$  are Al at the Y and T sites, respectively  
472 (Figs. 6c–6e). Tur-1 and Tur-2 exhibit a dominant substitution of  $\text{AlFe}^{3+}_{-1}$  (Fig. 6c), which  
473 can be ascribed to the extremely low Mg abundances. Importantly, Tur-3 from the tin



474 greisen and Tur-4 from the quartz-Tur-4 vein show both substitutions of  $\text{MgFe}^{2+}_{-1}$  and  
475  $\text{AlFe}^{3+}_{-1}$  (Figs. 6c–6e), whereas the skarn-hosted Tur-5 is dominated by  $\text{AlFe}^{3+}_{-1}$  (Fig. 6e).  
476 This indicates a relatively low oxygen fugacity for the greisen-forming fluid at the HM  
477 zone, and a transition to higher oxygen fugacity for the skarn-forming fluids at the BA  
478 zone (Henry and Dutrow 2012; Dutrow and Henry 2018; Qiu et al. 2021). A relatively  
479 reduced condition of the greisen-forming fluid is consistent with the causative Qitianling  
480 magma. The skarn-hosted Ap-I to Ap-III has Mn contents (avg 111–149 ppm; Table 2)  
481 much lower than apatite from reduced skarns at the Cantung W–Cu deposit in Canada  
482 ( $1590 \pm 930$  ppm; Adlakha et al. 2018), and even lower than apatite from an oxidized  
483 hydrothermal system at the Xindigou orogenic Au deposit in North China ( $216 \pm 77$  ppm;  
484 Zhang et al. 2020). This confirms the oxidized skarn system at the BA zone, as evidenced  
485 by abundant  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -rich garnet (Chen et al. 2021b), diopside, magnetite, and epidote in the  
486 skarns. Tin is dominantly transported as  $\text{Sn}^{2+}$ -Cl complexes under reduced conditions,  
487 and cassiterite precipitation is redox- and pH-dependent (Jackson and Helgeson 1985;  
488 Lehmann 1990, 2021; Taylor and Wall 1993). At the HM zone, interaction of the reduced  
489 and acid Sn-bearing magmatic fluid with the late-phase granite results in the greisen-style  
490 mineralization, where destruction of feldspar leads to the increase in pH of the fluid  
491 system (Heinrich 1990; Lehmann 1990, 2021). At the BA zone, on the contrary, both  
492 interaction of the reduced magmatic fluid with carbonate wall rocks and mixing with  
493 oxidized meteoric water can lead to an increase in oxygen fugacity, as well as acid

494 neutralization ([Heinrich 1990](#); [Lehmann 1990, 2021](#)), which triggered formation of the  
495 tin skarns.

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### Implications

498 The consistent B isotopic compositions of Tur-5 from an open skarn system with  
499 Tur-1 to Tur-3 from a closed magmatic-hydrothermal greisen environment ([Fig. 8a](#))  
500 suggests that tourmaline B isotopes by themselves are ineffective in discriminating the  
501 entrainment of the B-poor, wall rock-derived fluids in granite-related tin deposits. In this  
502 case, combination with hydrothermal apatite Sr–Nd isotopes can provide further  
503 constraints on fluid sources. The similarity in Sr isotopic compositions between the  
504 skarn-hosted Ap-I to Ap-III and carbonate wall rocks ([Fig. 10a](#)) indicates extensive  
505 exchange between the magmatic fluid and wall rocks, and/or addition of wall  
506 rock-derived meteoric water. In addition, the tourmaline and apatite compositions  
507 indicate that the ore-forming magmatic fluid had high B, Na, Li, Zn, and Sn, and low Sr  
508 concentrations ([Table 1](#)), which are in good agreement with previous fluid-inclusion  
509 analyses and estimations by mica chemistry. During the fluid-rock interaction and  
510 incursion of meteoric water, the host rocks contributed considerable amounts of Ca, Mg,  
511 V, Ni, and Sr to the ore-forming system. This study also suggests that tourmaline and  
512 apatite have great potential with respect to fingerprinting the oxygen fugacity conditions  
513 of ore-forming fluids ([Figs. 6d–6e](#)). Thus, the textures, paragenesis, in situ elemental

514 compositions, and B–Sr–Nd isotopes of coupled tourmaline and apatite can provide more  
515 accurate constraints on the nature of the fluids and associated ore-forming processes in  
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### Figure Captions

782 **Figure 1.** (a) Main tectonic units of South China (Wang et al. 2013). (b) Geological  
783 map of the Nanling Range, showing the distribution of granites and associated W–Sn  
784 deposits (Yuan et al. 2019). (c) Geological map of the Furong deposit (Yuan et al. 2011).

785 **Figure 2.** Geological map of the Bailashui-Anyuan zone at Furong (modified from  
786 South Hunan Geological Survey 2005).

787 **Figure 3.** Photographs and microphotographs of tourmaline in the late-phase granite  
788 (a, b), nodule (c–h), vein (i–k), and greisen-type ore (l–o) at the HM zone. (a) Tur-1  
789 occurs interstitial to quartz, K-feldspar, and albite (plane-polarized light). (b) Tur-1 in Fig.  
790 3a is homogeneous in BSE image. (c) Quartz-tourmaline nodule is rimmed by a  
791 leucocratic halo. (d) Nodular Tur-1 co-exists with quartz and albite (plane-polarized  
792 light). (e) Brown Tur-1 is replaced by blue Tur-2 and fluorite (plane-polarized light). (f)  
793 Tur-1 in Fig. 3e is replaced by Tur-2 with visible voids and fluorite inclusions in BSE  
794 image. (g) Albite is replaced by muscovite (cross-polarized light). (h) Nodular Tur-2 are  
795 included by or intergrown with arsenopyrite (plane-polarized light). (i) Quartz-Tur-2 vein  
796 crosscuts the late-phase granite and quartz-tourmaline nodule. (j) Vein-type Tur-2 shows  
797 orange to yellow-green and blue pleochroism (plane-polarized light). (k) Vein-type Tur-2  
798 has weak patchy zoning in BSE image. (l) Tur-3 co-exists with quartz, muscovite, and  
799 cassiterite (plane-polarized light). (m) Tur-3 in Fig. 3l shows weak oscillatory zoning in

800 BSE image. (n) Tur-3 co-exists with arsenopyrite and quartz (plane-polarized light). (o)  
801 Tur-3 co-existing with chalcopyrite is homogeneous in BSE image. Ab = albite, Apy =  
802 arsenopyrite, Ccp = Chalcopyrite, Cst = cassiterite, Fl = fluorite, Kfs = K-feldspar, Ms =  
803 muscovite, Qz = quartz, Tur = tourmaline.

804 **Figure 4.** Photographs and microphotographs of tourmaline in the vein crosscutting  
805 the main-phase granite (a–e) and skarn-type ore (f, g) at the BA zone. (a) Quartz-Tur-4  
806 vein rimmed by leucocratic halos crosscuts the main-phase granite. (b) Tur-4 occurs  
807 mainly as radiating, coarse-grained, euhedral prismatic crystals (plane-polarized light). (c)  
808 Tur-4 in Fig. 4b shows weak oscillatory zoning in BSE image. (d–e) Tur-4 is locally  
809 intergrown with or replaced by muscovite and sphalerite (plane-polarized light). (f)  
810 Vesuvianite is replaced by Tur-5, pargasite, fluorite and cassiterite (cross-polarized light).  
811 (g) Tur-5 in Fig. 4f shows patchy zoning in BSE image. Prg = pargasite, Ves =  
812 vesuvianite. Other mineral abbreviations as in [Fig. 3](#).

813 **Figure 5.** Microphotographs of apatite in the main-phase granite (a–c) and in the  
814 skarn (d–i) and skarn-type ore (j–o) at the BA zone. (a) Ap-G is mainly included by  
815 biotite (plane-polarized light). (b) Ap-G in Fig. 5a displays yellow-green to light green  
816 luminescence in CL image. (c) Ap-G in Fig. 5b is homogeneous and bright in BSE image.  
817 (d) Ap-I is included by garnet (plane-polarized light). (e) Ap-I in Fig. 5d displays blue  
818 luminescence with very narrow green rims in CL image. (f) Ap-I in Fig. 5e is  
819 homogeneous in BSE image. (g) Apatite is interstitial between diopside grains

820 (plane-polarized light). **(h)** Apatite in Fig. 5g displays color zoning with blue cores (Ap-I)  
821 and green rims (Ap-II) in CL image. **(i)** Apatite in Fig. 5h consists of light grey cores  
822 (Ap-I) and dark grey rims (Ap-II) in BSE image. **(j)** Ap-II veinlet occurs in the skarn-type  
823 ore (plane-polarized light). **(k)** Ap-II in Fig. 5j consists of very small blue cores and green  
824 rims in CL image. **(l)** The core-rim texture of Ap-II in Fig. 5k is very weak in  
825 high-contrast BSE image. **(m)** Ap-III co-exists with sphalerite (plane-polarized light). **(n)**  
826 Ap-III in Fig. 5m shows color zoning with light bluish grey cores and green rims in CL  
827 image. **(o)** Ap-III in Fig. 5n is homogeneous in BSE image. Ap = apatite, Bt = biotite, Di  
828 = diopside, Grt = garnet, Ilm = ilmenite, Sp = sphalerite. Other mineral abbreviations as  
829 in [Figs. 3 and 4](#).

830 **Figure 6.** Compositional variations of the Furong tourmaline. **(a)** Ca-X<sub>□</sub>-(Na+K)  
831 ternary diagram ([Henry et al. 2011](#)). **(b)** Fe/(Fe+Mg) vs. X<sub>□</sub>/(X<sub>□</sub>+Na+K) ([Henry and](#)  
832 [Guidotti 1985](#)), **(c)** Mg vs. Fe, **(d)** Al vs. Fe, and **(e)** Al vs. X<sub>□</sub> binary diagrams.  
833 Fe/(Fe+Mg) vs. F**(f)**, Li **(g)**, V **(h)**, Ni **(i)**, Sr **(j)**, Zn **(k)**, and Sn **(l)** binary diagrams.

834 **Figure 7.** **(a)** MgO, **(b)** F, **(c)** Li, **(d)** Sc, **(e)** Zn, and **(f)** Sn for Tur-1 vs.  
835 corresponding Tur-2 from individual crystals within tourmaline nodules.

836 **Figure 8.** **(a)** Histogram of B isotopic compositions of the Furong tourmaline. N is  
837 the number of analyses. **(b)** δ<sup>11</sup>B values for Tur-1 vs. corresponding Tur-2 from individual  
838 crystals within tourmaline nodules.

839 **Figure 9.** **(a)** Fe vs. V, **(b)** Mn vs. Sr ([Belousova et al. 2002](#)), **(c)** Y vs. Sr

840 (Belousova et al. 2002), (d) Ga vs. (Th+U), (e) Na vs. REE, and (f) LREE vs. Sr/Y  
841 (O’Sullivan et al. 2020) binary diagrams for the Furong apatite. ALK = alkali-rich  
842 igneous rocks, IM = mafic I-type granitoids and mafic igneous rocks, LM = low- and  
843 medium-grade metamorphic and hydrothermal altered rocks, HM =  
844 partial-melts/leucosomes/high-grade metamorphic, S = S-type granitoids and high  
845 A/CNK ‘felsic’ I-types, UM = ultramafic rocks including carbonatites, lherzolites and  
846 pyroxenites.

847 **Figure 10.** Chondrite-normalized REE patterns of (a) Ap-G, (b) Ap-I, and (c) Ap-II  
848 and Ap-III at Furong. The whole-rock REE data for the main-phase granite and Permian  
849 carbonate wall rocks are from Zhao et al. (2012) and Wang et al. (2014), respectively.  
850 Chondrite values used for normalization are from Sun and McDonough (1989).

851 **Figure 11.** (a) Sr isotopic compositions and (b)  $T_{DM2}$  vs.  $\epsilon_{Nd(t)}$  diagram of the Furong  
852 apatite. Data for the Permian carbonate rocks are from Yan and Wu (2014), data for the  
853 Qitianling granites from Zhao et al. (2012) and Chen et al. (2021a), and data for fluorite  
854 from Yuan et al. (2011).

855 **Figure 12.** (a) Comparison of B isotopic data from Furong with major boron  
856 reservoirs and tourmaline from different environments (Marschall and Jiang 2011). (b)  
857 Variations in calculated  $\delta^{11}B_{fluid}$  values at Furong, and Rayleigh fractionation model on B  
858 isotopic evolution of the fluid during tourmaline precipitation. The whole-rock  $\delta^{11}B$   
859 values for the Qitianling granites are from Zhao et al. (2011).

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## **Appendix**

863       **Appendix 1.** Paragenetic sequence of alteration minerals and mineralization at the  
864 greisen-type HM zone (**a**) and skarn-type No. 19 orebody at the BA zone (**b**).

865       **Appendix 2.** Analytical methods and calculation method of tourmaline–fluid  
866 partition coefficients.

867       **Appendix 3.** Major- and trace-elemental composition of the Furong tourmaline.

868       **Appendix 4.** Boron isotope composition of the Furong tourmaline.

869       **Appendix 5.** Major- and trace-elemental composition of the Furong apatite.

870       **Appendix 6.** Sr–Nd isotope composition of the Furong apatite.

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**Table 1** Summary of the average elemental composition of the Furong tourmaline.

Type	Tur-1 N=32	Tur-2 N=39	Tur-3 N=49	Tur-4 N=31	Tur-5 N=16
EPMA (wt%)					
SiO <sub>2</sub>	34.4 (0.3)	34.4 (0.4)	35.0 (0.4)	35.5 (0.4)	33.5 (0.9)
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.5 (0.2)	0.2 (0.2)	0.6 (0.3)	0.5 (0.3)	0.4 (0.3)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	29.9 (0.9)	30.2 (1.2)	30.4 (1.1)	32.9 (0.8)	28.5 (2.6)
FeO	17.1 (0.8)	17.2 (1.1)	15.5 (1.2)	11.9 (0.8)	16.9 (1.5)
MnO	0.1 (0)	0.1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0.1 (0)
MgO	0.3 (0.1)	0.2 (0.2)	1.0 (0.4)	2.4 (0.4)	2.0 (0.9)
CaO	0 (0)	0 (0)	0.3 (0.1)	0.5 (0.2)	1.9 (0.5)
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.4 (0.2)	2.4 (0.4)	2.0 (0.2)	1.5 (0.2)	1.8 (0.2)
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.1 (0)	0.1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
F	0.9 (0.2)	0.8 (0.3)	0.4 (0.2)	0.2 (0.1)	0.4 (0.1)
Cl	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Total	85.7 (0.3)	85.5 (0.4)	85.3 (0.3)	85.5 (0.4)	85.3 (0.3)
Atomic proportions based on the sum of T+Z+Y cations normalized to 15 cations					
Si (apfu)	6.08 (0.04)	6.08 (0.04)	6.12 (0.04)	6.03 (0.06)	5.95 (0.16)
Al (T-site)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0.01 (0.03)	0.08 (0.13)
Al (Z-site)	5.99 (0.04)	6.00 (0.01)	6.00 (0.01)	6.00 (0)	5.76 (0.21)
Al (Y-site)	0.25 (0.14)	0.30 (0.20)	0.26 (0.17)	0.58 (0.14)	0.11 (0.25)
Al (total)	6.24 (0.16)	6.30 (0.20)	6.26 (0.17)	6.59 (0.15)	5.96 (0.49)
Ti	0.06 (0.03)	0.02 (0.03)	0.08 (0.04)	0.07 (0.04)	0.05 (0.05)
Fe	2.53 (0.12)	2.55 (0.18)	2.27 (0.19)	1.70 (0.12)	2.50 (0.25)
Mn	0.02 (0.01)	0.02 (0.01)	0.01 (0)	0 (0)	0.01 (0)
Mg	0.08 (0.03)	0.04 (0.05)	0.27 (0.11)	0.61 (0.11)	0.52 (0.24)
Ca	0 (0)	0.01 (0.02)	0.05 (0.02)	0.09 (0.04)	0.36 (0.1)
Na	0.84 (0.06)	0.82 (0.13)	0.67 (0.06)	0.49 (0.05)	0.60 (0.08)
K	0.01 (0)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0)	0 (0)	0.01 (0)
X <sub>□</sub>	0.15 (0.06)	0.16 (0.13)	0.27 (0.07)	0.41 (0.05)	0.04 (0.04)
OH	3.5 (0.11)	3.55 (0.15)	3.77 (0.12)	3.90 (0.07)	3.78 (0.07)
F	0.5 (0.11)	0.45 (0.15)	0.23 (0.12)	0.09 (0.07)	0.22 (0.07)
Cl	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Fe/(Fe+Mg)	0.97 (0.01)	0.98 (0.02)	0.89 (0.04)	0.73 (0.04)	0.83 (0.07)
LA-ICP-MS (ppm)					
Li	149 (81)	99 (46)	98 (33)	31 (14)	179 (74)
Be	19 (11)	8 (6)	11 (8)	14 (9)	26 (22)
Sc	24 (20)	14 (15)	7 (5)	16 (10)	1 (1)
V	3 (2)	1 (1)	30 (25)	111 (44)	29 (18)
Cr	4 (7)	21 (39)	34 (45)	34 (68)	18 (18)
Co	2 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)	7 (1)	12 (5)
Ni	1 (2)	1 (2)	1 (1)	11 (4)	7 (4)

Type	Tur-1 N=32	Tur-2 N=39	Tur-3 N=49	Tur-4 N=31	Tur-5 N=16
Zn	220 (58)	198 (37)	134 (29)	89 (7)	291 (37)
Ga	124 (33)	110 (25)	129 (46)	80 (11)	34 (7)
Sr	11 (16)	4 (2)	182 (65)	159 (52)	219 (72)
Sn	107 (69)	234 (136)	177 (96)	412 (207)	435 (272)
REE (total)	25 (27)	17 (18)	12 (8)	23 (14)	38 (61)
Y	0 (0)	2 (7)	1 (4)	5 (7)	0 (0)
Na <sub>fluid</sub> (wt%)	6.0 (0.4)	5.9 (0.9)	4.9 (0.9)	3.7 (0.4)	4.3 (0.6)
Li <sub>fluid</sub> (ppm)	498 (269)	329 (155)	326 (111)	104 (46)	597 (248)
Zn <sub>fluid</sub>	2199 (580)	1978 (366)	1342 (292)	890 (70)	2907 (372)
Sr <sub>fluid</sub>	6.0 (9)	2 (1)	96 (34)	83 (27)	115 (38)

Total Fe is reported as FeO. X<sub>□</sub> is vacancy in X-site. REE is the rare earth elements. Subscript “fluid” is the estimated element concentrations in the fluids responsible for tourmaline. Numbers in parentheses are standard deviations of the mean (1sd). N=analyzed spot numbers.

**Table 2** Summary of the average elemental composition of the Furong apatite.

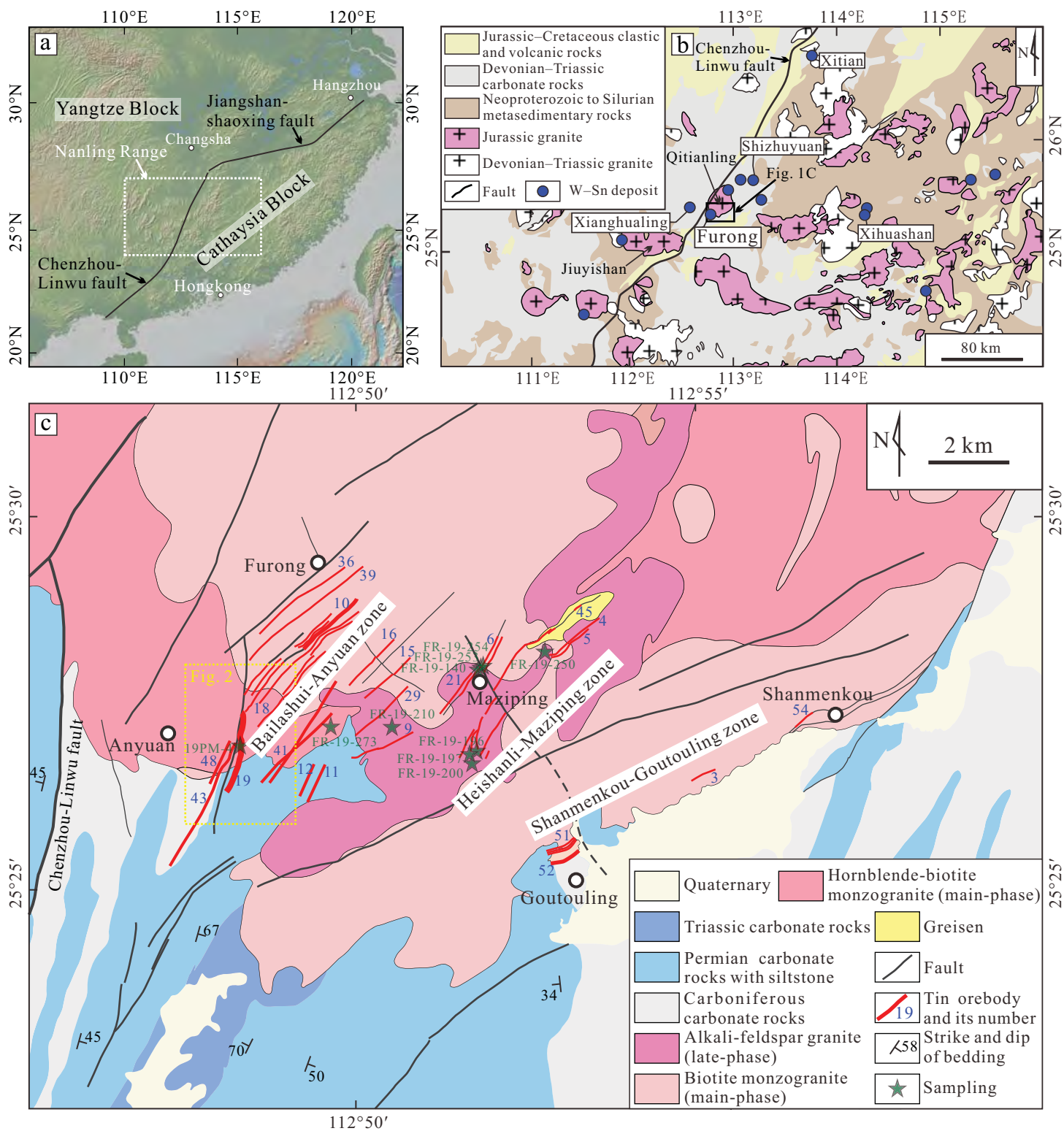
Type	Ap-G	Ap-I	Ap-II	Ap-III
EPMA (wt%)	N=66	N=24	N=35	N=18
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	42.1 (0.4)	41.6 (0.6)	41.9 (0.4)	42.2 (0.6)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
SO <sub>3</sub>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
FeO	0.2 (0.1)	0.1 (0)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)
MnO	0.1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
MgO	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
CaO	54.7 (0.6)	55.4 (0.6)	55.9 (0.6)	55.8 (0.8)
BaO	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K <sub>2</sub> O	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
F	3.4 (0.4)	3.5 (0.4)	3.5 (0.4)	3.4 (0.3)
Cl	0.2 (0.2)	0.2 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.2)
Total	99.3 (0.8)	99.3 (0.9)	99.9 (0.8)	100.2 (1.1)
Formula calculation based on 8 cations with F+Cl+OH = 1				
P	3.01 (0.03)	2.97 (0.03)	2.97 (0.02)	2.98 (0.03)
Si	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Ti	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Al	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0)	0 (0)	0.01 (0)
Mn	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Mg	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Ca	4.96 (0.03)	5.01 (0.03)	5.02 (0.02)	5.00 (0.03)
Ba	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Na	0.01 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
F	0.90 (0.11)	0.95 (0.09)	0.93 (0.10)	0.89 (0.07)
Cl	0.03 (0.02)	0.02 (0.02)	0.01 (0.01)	0.02 (0.02)
OH	0.09 (0.09)	0.06 (0.06)	0.08 (0.08)	0.10 (0.08)
LA-ICP-MS (ppm)	N=38	N=13	N=28	N=21
Na	597 (244)	266 (279)	139 (190)	126 (197)
Fe	650 (454)	298 (273)	89 (86)	157 (171)
Mn	523 (101)	111 (36)	149 (31)	124 (21)
V	5 (4)	15 (9)	25 (36)	16 (5)
Ga	11 (3)	4 (1)	1 (2)	1 (1)



Type	Ap-G	Ap-I	Ap-II	Ap-III
Rb	0 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)	0 (0)
Sr	102 (15)	1265 (604)	1970 (898)	938 (160)
Y	1475 (383)	395 (259)	138 (202)	111 (27)
La	1170 (336)	555 (270)	179 (245)	292 (62)
Ce	3188 (868)	940 (518)	296 (445)	270 (56)
Pr	422 (109)	115 (76)	37 (61)	59 (13)
Nd	1791 (444)	448 (323)	152 (255)	230 (53)
Sm	365 (90)	84 (67)	29 (51)	35 (8)
Eu	7 (2)	13 (8)	4 (7)	6 (1)
Gd	318 (81)	76 (60)	27 (45)	25 (6)
Tb	44 (12)	11 (9)	4 (6)	3 (1)
Dy	256 (68)	59 (47)	21 (35)	16 (4)
Ho	48 (13)	11 (8)	4 (6)	3 (1)
Er	128 (33)	30 (22)	10 (17)	8 (2)
Tm	17 (4)	3 (2)	1 (2)	1 (0)
Yb	98 (27)	17 (12)	6 (9)	4 (1)
Th	24 (20)	394 (506)	213 (538)	45 (14)
U	10 (8)	199 (217)	133 (224)	59 (32)
REE (total)	7863 (2045)	2363 (1392)	770 (1183)	952 (206)
La <sub>N</sub> /Yb <sub>N</sub>	8.7 (1.9)	30.1 (14.3)	23.6 (5.7)	52.3 (9.2)
δEu	0.1 (0)	0.6 (0.2)	0.5 (0.2)	0.6 (0)

Total Fe is reported as FeO. REE is the rare earth elements.  $\delta\text{Eu} = 2\text{Eu}_N/(\text{Sm}_N + \text{Gd}_N)$ , where subscript N means normalization to chondrite (Sun and McDonough, 1989). Numbers in parentheses are standard deviations of the mean (1sd). N=analyzed spot numbers.

Figure 1



# Figure 2

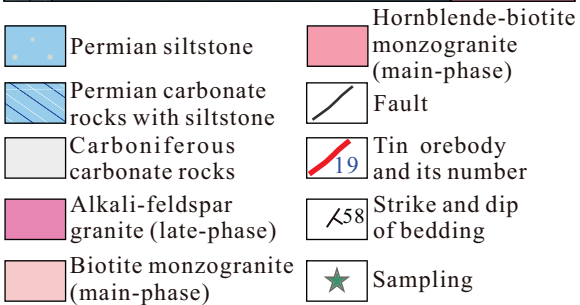
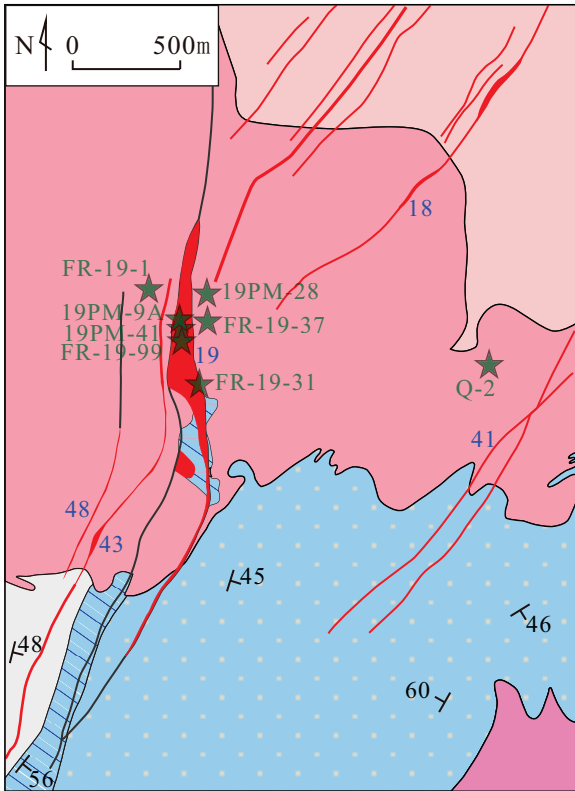


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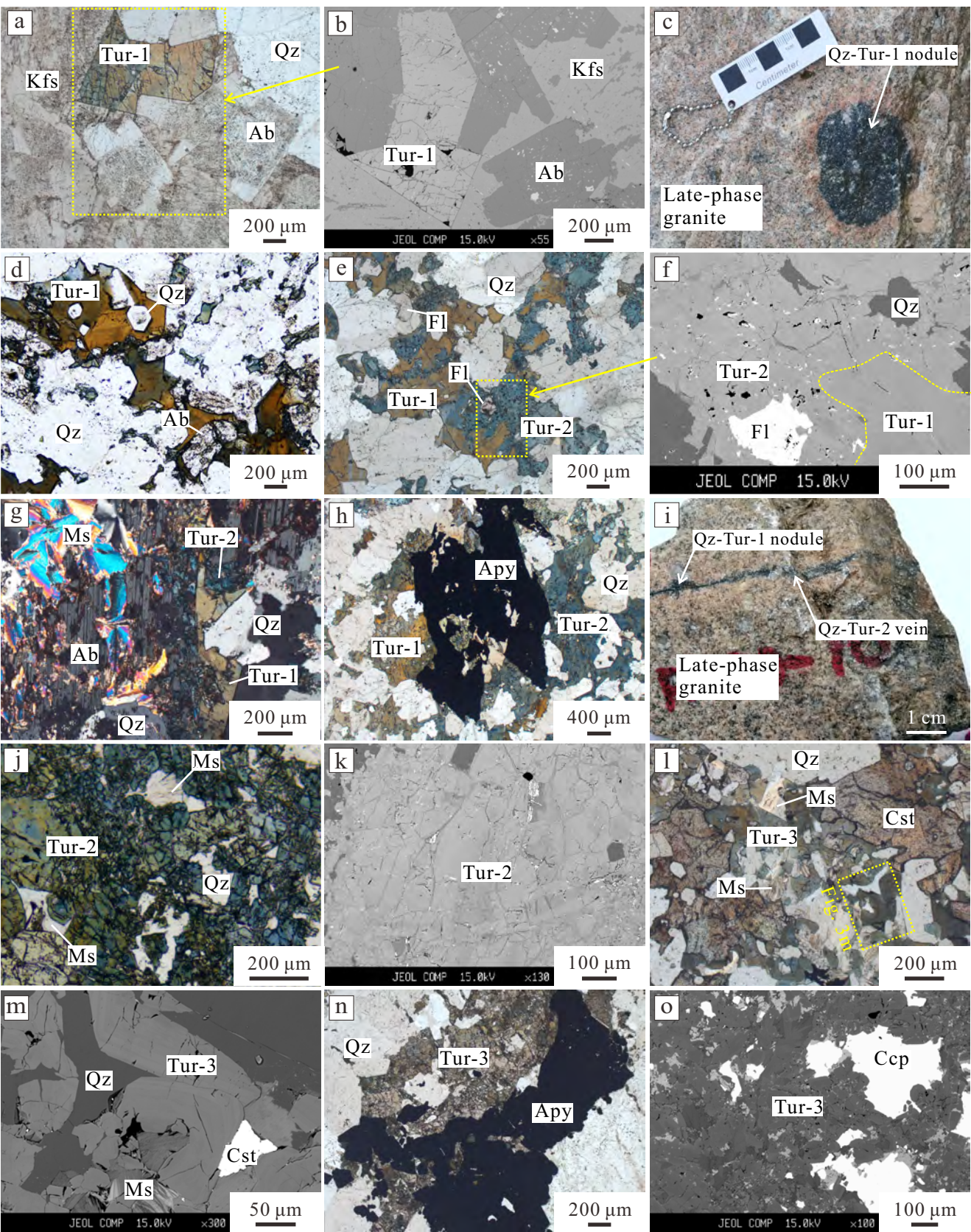


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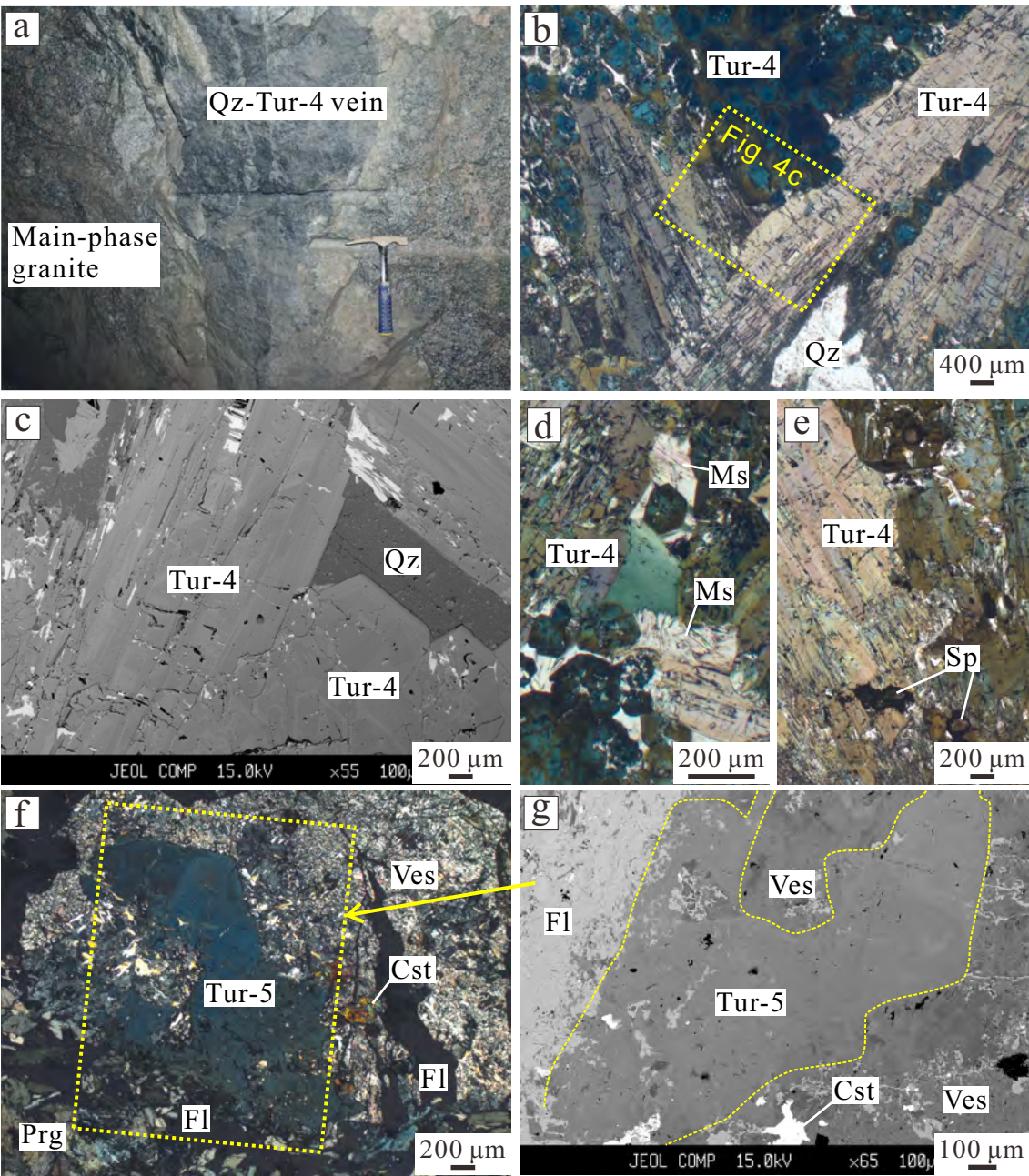


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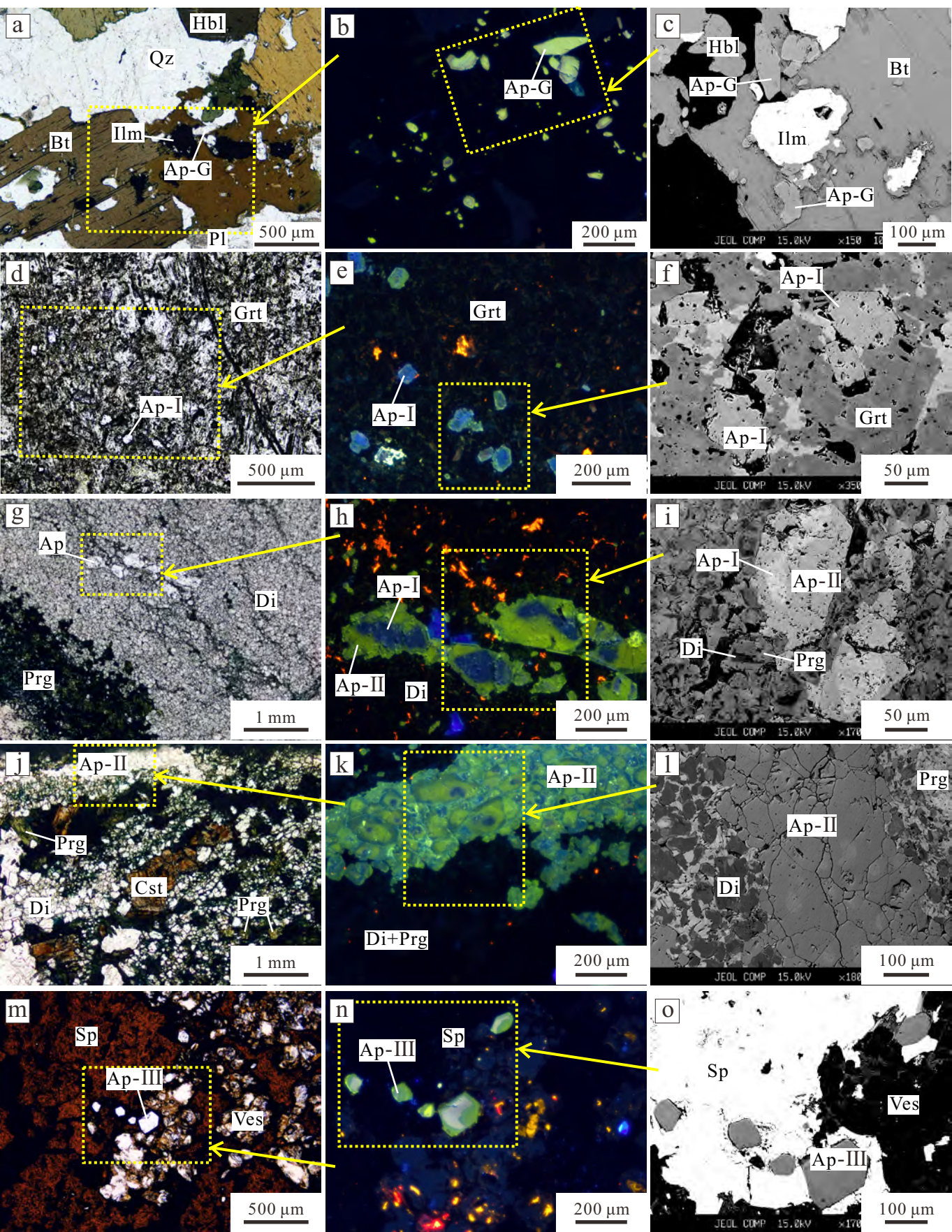


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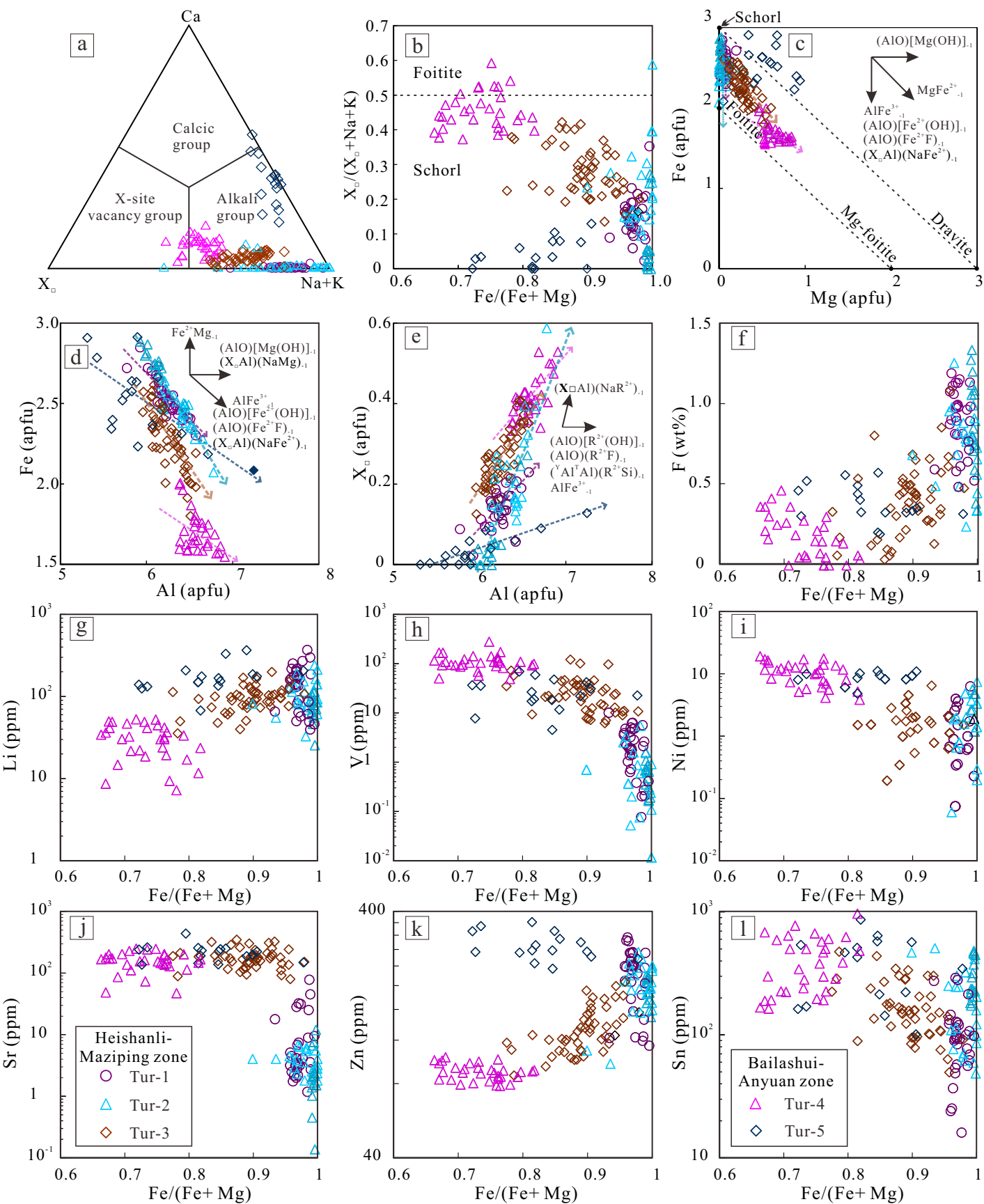


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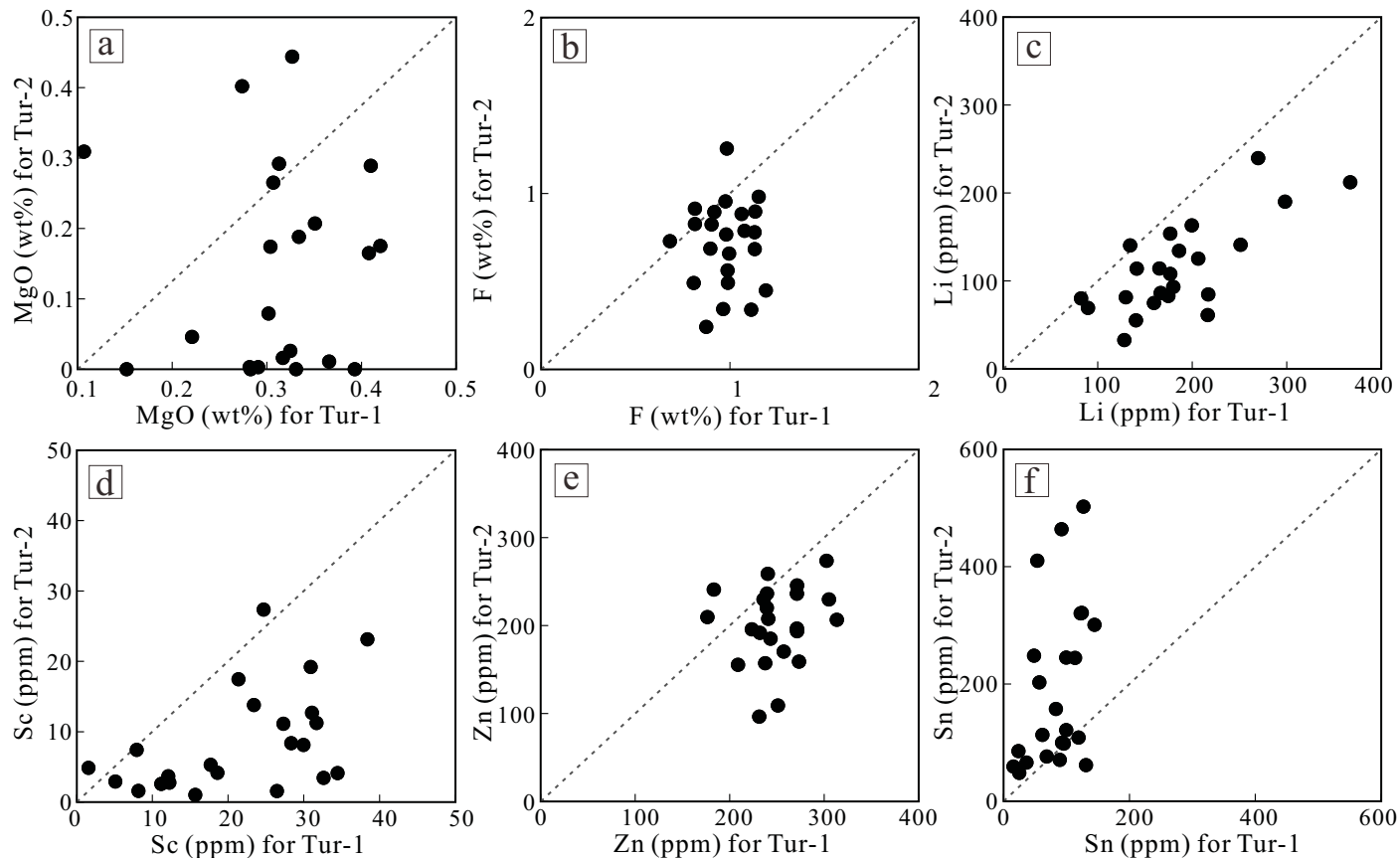




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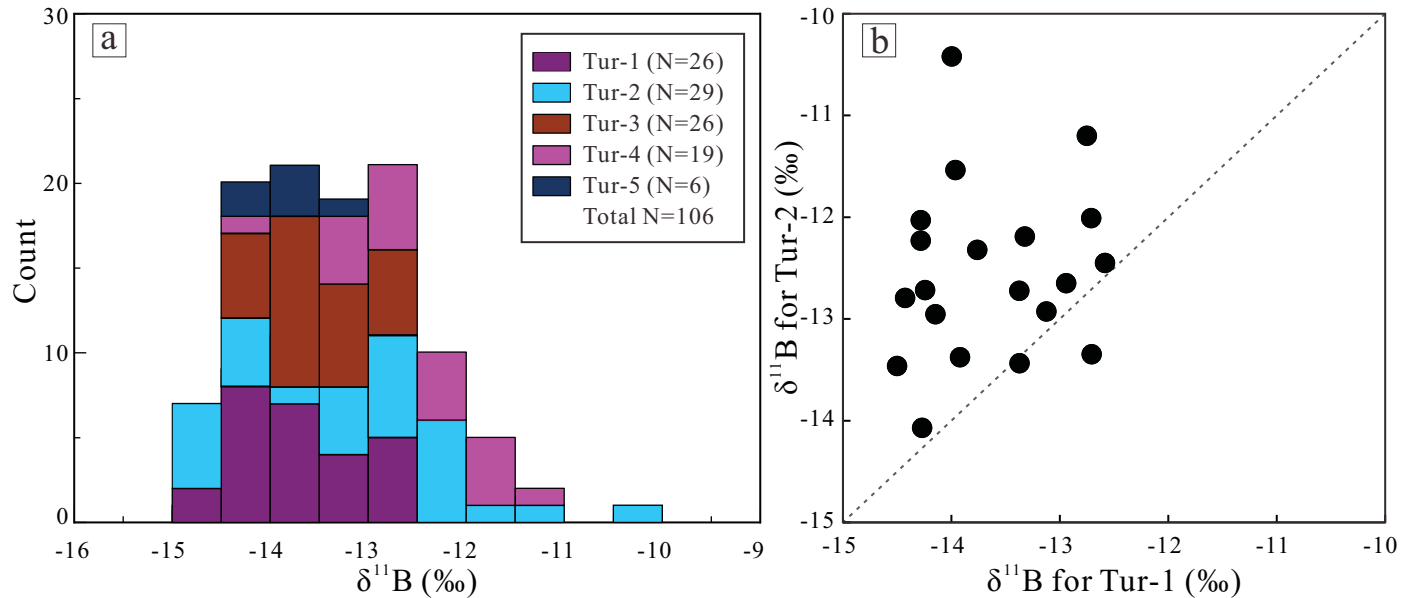
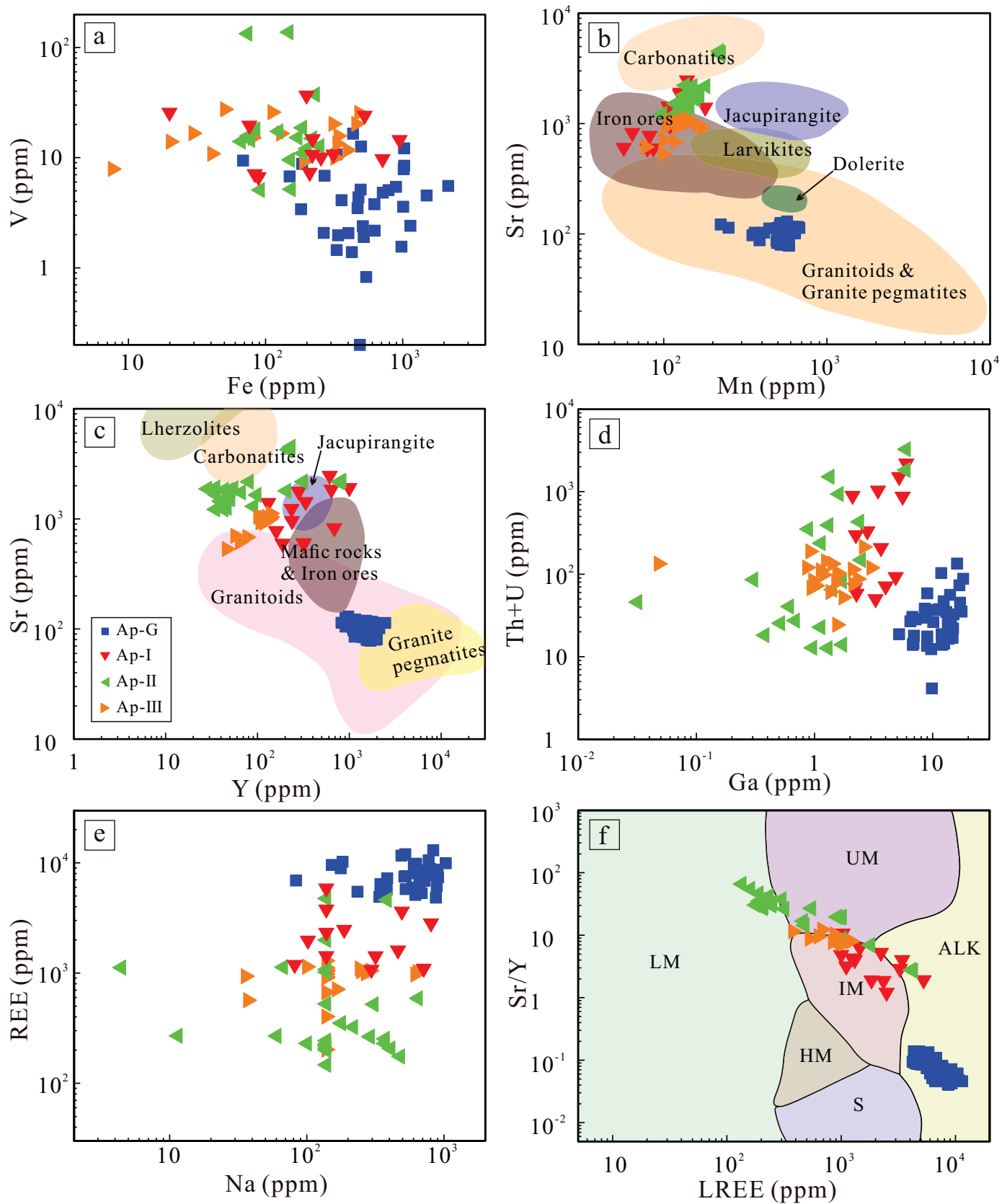


Figure 9



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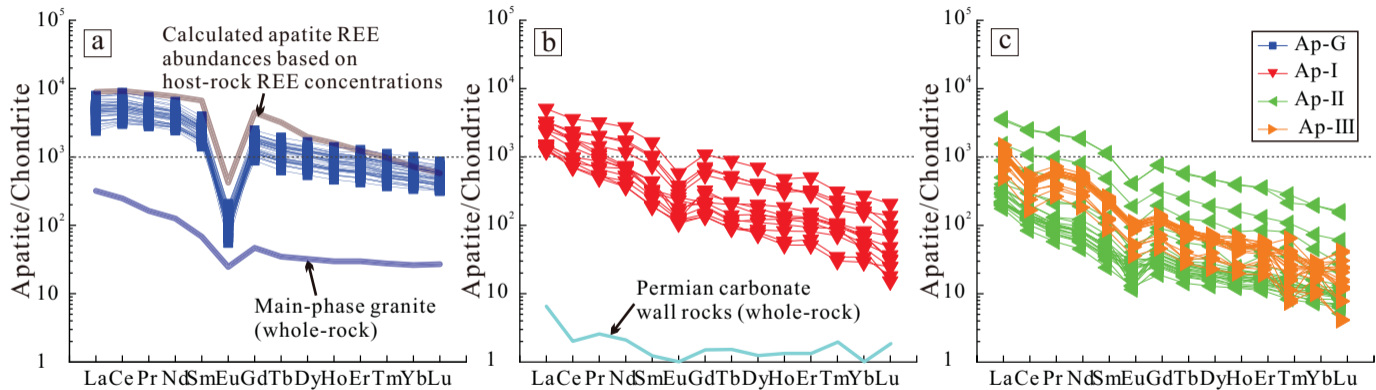


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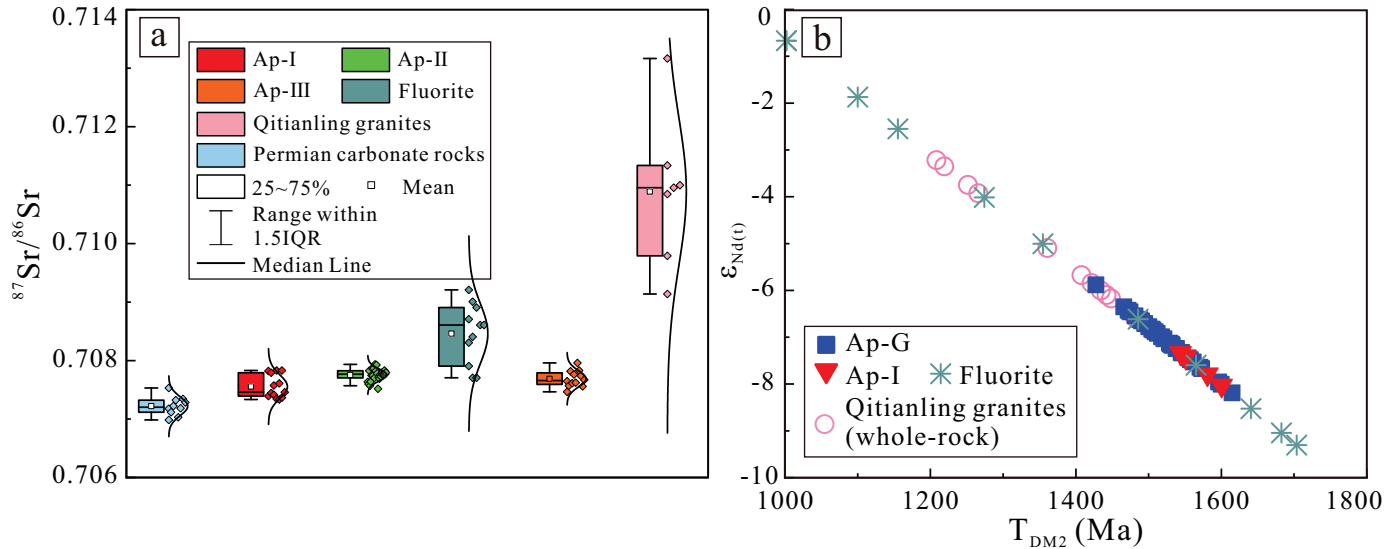


Figure 12

