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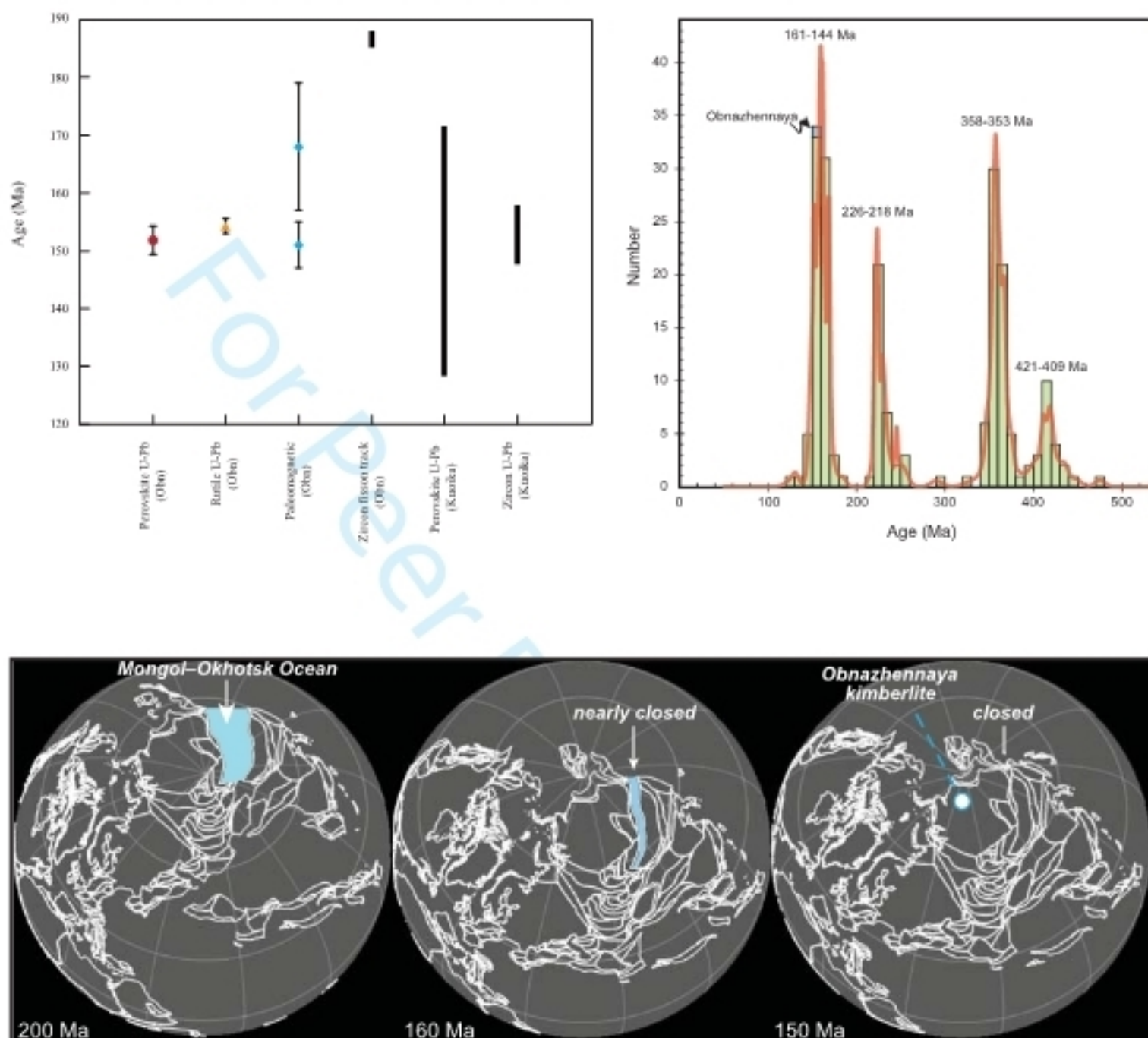
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## Highlights

1. Obnazhennaya kimberlite age is  $151.8 \pm 2.5$  Ma, obtained by perovskite and rutile
2. It adds to the global “kimberlite bloom” from ca. 250–50 Ma
3. It is part of the largest kimberlite pulse of Siberia from ca. 171–144 Ma
4. Kimberlite pulse has spatiotemporal link to closure of the Mongol–Okhotsk Ocean
5. Closure of the MOO may act as a trigger for 171–144 Ma Siberia kimberlite pulse

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3           **xenoliths, Siberia craton**

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4 24 **Abstract:** Mantle xenoliths from the Obnazhennaya kimberlite are often compared  
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6 25 with those from the Udachnaya kimberlite (ca. 367 Ma) to inform the evolution of the  
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8 26 Siberia craton. However, the age of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite is unknown, and no  
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10 27 reliable isotopic age estimates are available. Such uncertainty of the kimberlite age  
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12 28 precludes a better understanding of the mantle xenoliths from the Obnazhennaya pipe,  
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14 29 and thus also of the evolution of the Siberia craton. This paper reports U-Pb ages for  
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16 30 both perovskite from the Obnazhennaya kimberlite and rutile in the Obnazhennaya  
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18 31 eclogite xenoliths. The fresh perovskite with grain sizes of 30-90  $\mu\text{m}$  formed during  
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20 32 the early stage of magmatic crystallization. The perovskite U-Pb age is  $151.8 \pm 2.5$  Ma.  
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22 33 Rutile has a lower closure temperature than its host eclogite. And its U-Pb isotope  
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24 34 system was not closed until the host eclogite was extract by kimberlite. Hence, the  
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26 35 rutile U-Pb age of  $154.2 \pm 1.3$  Ma can also represent the emplacement time of the  
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28 36 Obnazhennaya kimberlite, and is within uncertainty of the perovskite U-Pb age. This  
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30 37 first direct evidence for the emplacement age of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite adds to  
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32 38 the global “kimberlite bloom” from ca. 250–50 Ma as well as the largest pulse of  
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34 39 kimberlite volcanism in Siberia from ca. 171–144 Ma. The timing of this  
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36 40 Jurassic–Cretaceous pulse coincides precisely with the closure of the  
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38 41 Mongol–Okhotsk Ocean, but the depleted Sr-Nd isotopic characteristics of 171-144  
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40 42 Ma kimberlite challenge the directly subduction-related setting model of kimberlite  
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42 43 petrogenesis, indicating the closure of the Mongol-Okhotsk ocean may act as a trigger  
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44 44 of the initiation of 171-144 Ma kimberlite of Siberia.

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48 47 craton; rutile

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## 49 1. Introduction

50 Kimberlite originates from the deep lithospheric mantle. During its emplacement  
51 up to the surface, kimberlites can entrain deep lithospheric mantle xenoliths that  
52 provide an opportunity to study the nature of the subcontinental lithospheric mantle  
53 (SCLM) beneath a craton (Li et al., 2010). The Siberia craton contains numerous  
54 kimberlite pipes, that entrained abundant mantle xenoliths. Studies on mantle  
55 xenoliths from the northern edge (Obnazhennaya) of the craton have strikingly  
56 different characteristics than those from the central craton (Udachnaya), both in terms  
57 of chemical composition, pressure-temperature and age (Howarth et al., 2014; Ionov  
58 et al., 2015a; Ionov et al., 2010, 2015b; Ionov et al., 2018; Pokhilenko et al., 1999;  
59 Sobolev 1974; Sobolev et al., 1984; Sun et al., 2017). Such contrasts may indicate a  
60 difference in lithospheric thickness up to 50 km between the two parts of the craton  
61 (Griffin et al., 1999). It is commonly thought that these characteristic differences  
62 reflect the evolution of the Siberia craton through time (Howarth et al., 2014; Ionov et  
63 al., 2015a; Ionov et al., 2010, 2015b; Ionov et al., 2018; Sobolev 1974; Sobolev et al.,  
64 1984; Sun et al., 2017). U-Pb dating of perovskite in kimberlite yields an eruption age  
65 of  $367 \pm 5$  Ma for the Udachnaya pipe (Kinny et al., 1997). However, no reliable  
66 isotopic age estimates are available for the Obnazhennaya kimberlite pipe. The  
67 emplacement age of this pipe is commonly assumed to be 160 Ma (Smelov and  
68 Zaitsev, 2013) because it belongs to the Kuoika kimberlite field. U-Pb dating of  
69 perovskite and zircon for several other pipes in the Kuoika field as well as those  
70 adjacent to the Obnazhennaya pipe range from 128 to 171 Ma (Davis et al., 1980;  
71 Griffin et al., 1999; Kinny et al., 1997; Sun et al., 2014; Sun et al., 2018). The  
72 majority of investigated kimberlite fields of the Yakutian province, Siberia, formed at  
73 the same episode, but multiple kimberlite magmatic events are known to have  
74 occurred within the same kimberlite field (Sun et al., 2014). For instance, the  
75 Ary-Mastah and Staraya Rechka fields of the Siberia craton both have Late Triassic  
76 and Middle/Late Jurassic kimberlite magmatism (Sun et al., 2014). Hence, it remains  
77 unknown when the Obnazhennaya kimberlite erupted.

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4 78 Multiple methods have been used to date the Obnazhennaya kimberlite. K-Ar  
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6 79 and Ar-Ar methods have most commonly been employed, but many factors may  
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10 81 potential excess Ar, and the xenocrystic origin of some mica (Wu et al., 2010).  
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12 82 Similar problems potentially exist for Rb-Sr dating of micas (e.g., Heaman et al.,  
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14 83 2003; 2004). Perovskite occurs in many kimberlites worldwide. U-Pb isotope ratio  
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16 84 analyses of perovskite have been suggested for dating kimberlites (Li et al., 2010; Sun  
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18 85 et al., 2014; Yang et al., 2009, and references therein). However, perovskite usually  
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20 86 occurs in kimberlites enriched in  $\text{TiO}_2$  and FeO, which is inconsistent with the  
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22 87 composition of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite (Kostrovitsky et al., 2007). Accessory  
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24 88 minerals such as rutile in peridotite or eclogite xenoliths have low closure  
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26 89 temperatures for Pb, thus U-Pb isotope ratio analyses of rutile typically yield ages  
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28 90 similar to kimberlite emplacement ages as constrained independently from the  
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30 91 perovskite groundmass phase (Schmitt et al., 2019).

31 92 Through detailed petrological and mineralogical study of the Obnazhennaya  
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33 93 kimberlite, we found perovskite in one of thirty kimberlite samples and rutile in one  
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35 94 of twenty eclogite xenoliths. We have undertaken U-Pb isotope investigation by  
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37 95 secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS) on perovskite from the Obnazhennaya  
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39 96 kimberlite and laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry  
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41 97 (LA-ICP-MS) on rutile from eclogite xenoliths from the Obnazhennaya kimberlite.  
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43 98 Comparison of these new U-Pb ages with previously reported isotopic ages from the  
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45 99 same kimberlite pipe enable us to definitively constrain the age of the Obnazhennaya  
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47 100 kimberlite. This age will be helpful in constructing models for the evolution of the  
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49 101 Siberia craton in future studies. Additionally, we consider how this new age compares  
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51 102 with the distribution of kimberlites globally and in Siberia, as well as its relationship  
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53 103 with the closure of the Mongol–Okhotsk Ocean.

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## 56 105 **2. Geological background and sample descriptions**

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4 108 shield were outcropped. The Obnazhennaya kimberlite pipe of the Kuoika field is  
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6 109 located within the lower Olenek province that occupies the northeastern most portion  
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8 110 of the Siberia craton (Fig. 1). The Obnazhennaya kimberlite intruded Late Proterozoic  
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10 111 limestone, dolomite and marl (Fig. 2 a, b), and its location along the tectonic margin  
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12 112 of the craton during the late Permian has been suggested to reflect a mantle plume  
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14 113 with the emplacement of the vast ca. 252 Ma (Burgess and Bowring, 2015) Siberian  
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18 115 The majority of the Obnazhennaya pipe is high-Mg pyroclastic kimberlite,  
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20 116 hypabyssal kimberlite inclusions are rarely to be found. Generally, the difference  
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22 117 between pyroclastic and hypabyssal kimberlite is that the latter has higher FeO and  
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24 118 TiO<sub>2</sub> contents. The chemical characteristics of Obnazhennaya kimberlite result in the  
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26 119 lack of high-Ti, low-Cr assemblages of megacrysts, therefore, garnet, ilmenite, zircon  
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28 120 and perovskite are rarely present in the Obnazhennaya kimberlite. Samples of  
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30 121 perovskite-bearing kimberlite were collected. Thin sections were made and examined  
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32 122 using scanning electron microscope-energy dispersive spectroscopy (SEM-EDS).  
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34 123 Backscattered scanning electron (BSE) mode was utilized to image and confirm the  
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36 124 presence perovskite. Perovskite grains exhibit various shapes, with subhedral to  
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38 125 rounded grains being most common (Fig.2). Most perovskite grains are homogeneous  
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40 126 in terms of major element composition and occur together with ilmenite. Perovskite  
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42 127 grains with mineral inclusions were not analyzed. In general, the investigated  
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44 128 perovskite grains are dark orange to brown in color and their grain sizes range  
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46 129 between 30 μm and 90 μm.

47 130 The studied eclogite xenolith (obn74-968) from the Obnazhennaya kimberlite is  
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49 131 coarse-grained and consists of garnet (56%), clinopyroxene (39%), and rutile (1%).  
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51 132 Rutile grains with brownish color are observed as intergranular between garnet and  
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53 133 clinopyroxene, inclusions of garnet or clinopyroxene, or exsolutions in garnet or  
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55 134 clinopyroxene. Rutile grains are 30 to 100 μm in diameter, and only those larger than  
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57 135 60 μm were handpicked and mounted. Most mounted rutile grains are homogeneous  
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59 136 in terms of major element compositions and exhibit rare ilmenite rims.

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### 138 3. Analytical methods

139 Perovskite U-Pb analyses were conducted at the Institute of Geology and  
140 Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing. Approximately 5-mm-diameter  
141 plugs encompassing the perovskite were drilled out of a polished thin section and  
142 mounted in epoxy resin disks for SIMS analysis. The plugs were then imaged with a  
143 reflected light microscope to locate analytical spots for SIMS analysis. The sample  
144 mount was gold-coated prior to SIMS analysis. The U-Pb isotope systematics of  
145 perovskite in this study were analyzed by SIMS (CAMECA 1280), using the  
146 analytical procedure previously reported in [Li et al. \(2010\)](#). The O<sup>2-</sup> primary ion beam  
147 was accelerated at 13 kV, with an intensity of 10<sup>-18</sup> nA. Positive secondary ions were  
148 extracted with a 10 kV potential. Tazh perovskite was used as the primary standard to  
149 calibrate our U-Pb and Th-Pb data, and was measured after every six unknowns. The  
150 inverse (Tera-Wasserburg) Concordia diagram was used to obtain ages, from the  
151 lower-grain fractions, assuming the initial common lead isotope composition follows  
152 the [Stacey and Kramers \(1975\)](#) model (SK model Pb isotopes, or <sup>207</sup>Pb correction).  
153 For our SIMS U-Pb data, we also corrected for the presence of initial common Pb  
154 based on the measured <sup>204</sup>Pb contents, and the <sup>204</sup>Pb-corrected ages are identical  
155 within uncertainty to the <sup>207</sup>Pb-corrected ages. All initial common-Pb-corrected and  
156 weighted average <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>238</sup>U ages were calculated using ISOPLOT 3.0 ([Ludwig,](#)  
157 [2003](#)). Uncertainties on individual analyses and pooled ages are reported at the 2σ  
158 level. During the analytical sessions, the AFK perovskite was repeatedly analyzed as  
159 an unknown and the analyses of this in-house standard yielded a weighted average  
160 <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>238</sup>U age of 385.5±8.4 Ma (MSWD=2.9, n=8), which is identical to the TIMS  
161 age of 381.6±1.4 Ma ([Wu et al., 2013](#)).

162 Measurements of U-Pb isotopes were performed using a Photon Machines 193  
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164 sector-field ICP-MS at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Rutile crystals  
165 were mounted in a transparent epoxy and the mount was polished to expose the fresh  
166 interior of the crystal. Detailed methods are described in [Kooijman et al. \(2017\)](#).  
167 Analyses were achieved using 7 mJ and 4 Hz for 16s on 30 μm-wide spots. The Pb/U

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ratios were normalized to R9826J standard rutile ( $381.9 \pm 1.1$  Ma; Kylander-Clark et al., 2008), which was reproduced to within 0.12% relative standard deviation. Accuracy was assessed by analyzing KRAG1 and WOD, for which we obtained  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  ages of  $1092 \pm 13$  Ma ( $n=7$ ) and  $2817 \pm 36$  Ma ( $n=8$ ) for these materials, respectively, thus demonstrating accuracy to within 1%.

## 4. Results

### 4.1 SIMS U-Pb ages of perovskite

The U-Pb isotope data of perovskite grains from the Obnazhennaya kimberlite are listed in [Supp. Table 1](#). As shown by SIMS data, the perovskite grains have high U (28-53 ppm) and Th (61-2037 ppm) contents that are favorable for U-Pb age determinations. However, the high Pb contents require a common lead correction. Typically, common Pb corrections to perovskite data have been made using the  $^{207}\text{Pb}$  correction method or the Tera-Wasserburg diagram

Twenty-five analyses define a discordia line with a lower intercept age of  $151.8 \pm 1.8$  Ma on the Tera-Wasserburg diagram ([Fig. 3a](#)), if an initial common lead composition is assumed according to the model of Stacey and Kramers (1975).  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ratios of these perovskite grains range from 0.271 to 0.334. The  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  weighted average age is  $151.8 \pm 2.5$  Ma with  $^{207}\text{Pb}$  correction ([Fig. 3b](#)).

### 4.2 LA-ICPMS U-Pb ages of rutile

The U-Pb isotope data of rutile grains from eclogite xenoliths of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite are listed in [Supp. Table 2](#). A total of eighteen analyses were conducted on 11 rutile grains with diameters about 60  $\mu\text{m}$  (the largest grain up to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ). The measured U contents range from 1.1 to 6.8 ppm, mostly  $>4$  ppm. On the Tera-Wasserburg plot, linear regression of the data points (MSWD=1.16) gives a lower intercept age of  $153.8 \pm 1.6$  Ma ([Fig. 3c](#)). A weighted mean  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  age is  $154.2 \pm 1.3$  Ma ([Fig. 3d](#)) using the  $^{207}\text{Pb}$ -based common-lead correction with the terrestrial Pb isotope composition of Stacey and Kramers (1975), which is consistent with the lower intercept age within errors.

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## 199 5. Discussion

200 The Obnazhennaya kimberlite pipe is widely considered one of the most  
201 important pipes to study the evolution of Siberia craton (Howarth et al., 2014; Ionov  
202 et al., 2015a; Ionov et al., 2018; Sun et al., 2017; Taylor et al., 2003). This is because  
203 it contains mantle xenoliths of eclogites, pyroxenites, and peridotites that can be used  
204 to reflect the characteristics of the SCLM beneath the craton. In interbedded  
205 sedimentary layers, the kimberlite contains *Belemnite rostra* (Milashev and Shul'gina,  
206 1959; Malkov and Gustomesov, 1976) and wood remnants (Kostrovitsky and  
207 Admakin, 1991) from the Late Jurassic, indicating the emplacement age is not  
208 younger than Late Jurassic. However, precise isotopic age data for this kimberlite are  
209 lacking and only a few techniques were applied during the past four decades (Fig. 4).  
210 Using the K-Ar technique, Brakhfogel (1984) obtained an age of  $418 \pm 14$  Ma. But  
211 many factors including the common alteration, low closure temperature, potential  
212 excess Ar, and the xenocrystic origin of the analyzed mica may affect such data and  
213 therefore this result is treated with caution (Sun et al., 2014). Using paleomagnetism,  
214 two possible ages ( $168 \pm 11$  and  $151 \pm 4$  Ma) were provided by Blanco et al. (2013)  
215 based on different apparent polar wander paths. An age of 185-188 Ma for the  
216 Obnazhennaya kimberlite was also obtained from zircon fission tracks (Griffin et al.,  
217 1999). In summary, the majority of available age data range from 151 to 185 Ma, with  
218 an unusually old age of 418 Ma. These data are not precise and reliable enough to  
219 constrain the emplacement age of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite.

220 It has been demonstrated that perovskite and mantle zircon megacrysts are good  
221 for dating kimberlites with U-Pb geochronology. Perovskite crystallizes at a relatively  
222 early stage from a kimberlite magma and contains enough U for precise Pb isotopic  
223 analyses, and hence redinding it reliable for U-Pb age determination (e.g., Kinny et  
224 al., 1997; Li et al., 2010; Yang et al., 2009; Sun et al., 2014). As for mantle zircon,  
225 they are typically interpreted as high-pressure crystals that precipitated directly from  
226 kimberlite melt (Moore and Belousova, 2005). The crystallization environment in the  
227 lower cratonic lithosphere is near the closure temperature for Pb in zircon ( $\sim 1000^\circ\text{C}$ ;

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10 231 U-Pb ages on zircon and perovskite from other pipes in the Kuoika field have  
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12 232 given ages of 148-157 Ma (Brakhfogel, 1984; Davis et al., 1980; Griffin et al., 1999;  
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14 233 Lepekhina et al., 2008; Sun et al., 2018) and 128-171 Ma (Bristow et al., 1991;  
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16 234 Heaman and Mitchell, 1995; Kinny et al., 1997; Sun et al., 2014), respectively (Fig.  
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18 235 4). Therefore, Middle/Late Jurassic kimberlite emplacement ages have been suggested  
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20 236 for all kimberlite pipes in the Kuoika field. Although the majority of investigated  
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22 237 kimberlite fields from the Siberia craton formed over a relatively short time interval  
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24 238 of <30 Myr, some kimberlite fields of the craton have multiple kimberlite magmatic  
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26 239 events, as occurred within the Ary-Mastah (ca. 231-216 Ma and ca. 170-165 Ma) and  
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28 240 Staraya Rechka (ca. 224-220 Ma and ca. 169-162 Ma) kimberlite fields (Sun et al.,  
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30 241 2014).

31 242 In this study, thirty samples were selected for perovskite U-Pb isotopic analyses.  
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33 243 However, only one sample, Obn 7-191, was found to contain perovskite, confirming  
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35 244 that perovskite is rare in the Obnazhennaya kimberlite, which is characterized by high  
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37 245 Mg and low Ti, Fe and K contents. The weighted perovskite U-Pb age of sample Obn  
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39 246 7-191 is  $151.8 \pm 2.5$  Ma ( $n=25$ ). We consider this age to be the best estimate of the  
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43 248 The rutile U-Pb measurements show relatively high U content (>1 ppm). Li et al.  
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45 249 (2011) has suggested that rutile grains with low U (<1 ppm) cannot be measured  
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47 250 accurately. In contrast, an accurate age is attainable when grains have U contents  
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49 251 higher than 1 ppm. A pooled analysis of all 18 measurements on rutile yields lower  
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51 252 intercept age on a Tera-Wasserburg plot of  $153.8 \pm 1.6$  Ma (MSWD=1.2), which is  
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53 253 interpreted as the best estimate for the rutile U-Pb age. Rutile occurs widely in  
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55 254 eclogites, however, the interpretation of rutile U-Pb ages is not straightforward due to  
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57 255 the uncertainty of the U-Pb closure temperature ( $T_c$ ). Field-based studies on rutile  
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59 256 from slowly cooled rocks imply that the  $T_c$  for rutile in the U-Pb system is  
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257 ~400-500°C (Mezger et al., 1989). However, Cherniak (2000) suggests that  $T_c$  is

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18 265 the surface. The rutile U-Pb age is consistent with the perovskite U-Pb age of  
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20 266  $151.8 \pm 2.5$  Ma from kimberlite, strongly suggesting that the emplacement time of the  
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22 267 Obnazhennaya kimberlite occurred 9 Myr younger than previous estimates (Smelov  
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24 268 and Zaitsev, 2013). A Late Jurassic age for the Obnazhennaya kimberlite places it  
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26 269 within the “kimberlite bloom” between ca. 250 and 50 Ma that accounts for >60% of  
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28 270 all known kimberlites worldwide (Tappe et al. 2018). Our precise age for the  
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30 271 important Obnazhennaya kimberlite will play critically into revising models for the  
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32 272 tectonic evolution of the Siberia craton. Hence, the mantle xenoliths from the  
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34 273 Obnazhennaya kimberlite reflect the lithospheric mantle characteristics at 151 Ma,  
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36 274 and the mantle xenoliths from Udachnaya and Obnazhennaya indicate the evolution  
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39 276 In addition to fitting within the longer global “kimberlite bloom”, our 151 Ma  
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41 277 age for the Obnazhennaya kimberlite places it within the late Jurassic to early  
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43 278 Cretaceous (171–144 Ma) kimberlite pulse of the Siberia craton itself (Sun et al.,  
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47 280 history, even among the multiple significant Phanerozoic pulses (Fig. 5). We consider  
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49 281 whether the tectonic setting of this particular age may have played a role in promoting  
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51 282 this superlative pulse of kimberlites in Siberia. The interval in question is notable for  
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53 283 the final closure of the Mongol–Okhotsk Ocean (MOO) between Siberia and Amuria  
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55 284 (Fig. 6). Initially ~4,700 km wide in the Permian, the MOO was slightly reduced in  
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57 285 size during the Triassic, but a remaining large tract of ~2,650 km is thought to have  
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59 286 closed in the Jurassic and early Cretaceous (Kravchinsky et al., 2002; Wu et al., 2017).  
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287 Furthermore, a seismically imaged slab “graveyard” has been located beneath Siberia

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6 289 episode of subduction occurring ~150 million years ago (Van der Voo et al., 1999).  
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8 290 As Siberia was the upper plate during the convergence, slab dehydration and  
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10 291 decarbonation may account for the pulse of kimberlite volcanism occurring at  
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12 292 precisely the same time as so much of the MOO closure so quickly (Fig. 6). The  
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14 293 tectonic setting of the rapid closure of the MOO beneath may thus provide support for  
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16 294 models of kimberlite petrogenesis involving the deep subduction (Stern et al., 2016).  
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18 295 However, the Sr-Nd isotopic compositions of 171-144 Ma kimberlite of Siberia (Sun  
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20 296 et al., 2018) is relatively depleted, i.e., the subducted oceanic crust and sediments did  
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22 297 not contribute to the Siberia kimberlitic magma, which challenges the directly  
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24 298 subduction-related setting model. Therefore, the closure of Mongol-Okhotsk Ocean  
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## 301 6. Conclusion

302 A precise perovskite U-Pb age provides the first direct evidence for the  
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304 emplacement age of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite. The perovskite U-Pb age from  
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306 kimberlite is corroborated by a rutile U-Pb age of  $151.8 \pm 2.5$  Ma from eclogite  
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308 xenoliths of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite. This age falls within and thus adds to a  
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310 well-known age for kimberlite volcanism worldwide, as well as adding to the most  
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312 significant pulse of kimberlites in the history of Siberia itself. The exact timing of this  
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314 igneous activity coincides precisely with the subduction of the Mongol–Okhotsk  
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316 Ocean beneath Siberia, but the depleted Sr-Nd isotopic characteristics of 171-144 Ma  
kimberlite challenges the directly subduction-related setting model of kimberlite  
petrogenesis, indicating that the closure of Mongol-Okhotsk Ocean may only act as a  
trigger for the initiation of 171-144 Ma kimberlite of Siberia.

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**Figure captions**

**Fig.1** Overview map of the Siberia craton (a) and the Kuoika kimberlite field (b), showing the location of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite pipes. LIP: Large igneous province. Fig.1a is modified from Howarth et al. (2014).

**Fig.2** Photos of Obnazhennaya kimberlite pipe field (a-b). BSE images of perovskite crystals from the Obnazhennaya kimberlite (c-d) and rutile crystals in eclogite xenoliths of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite (e-f). Prv. perovskite; Ilm. ilmenite; Phl. phlogopite; Opx. orthopyroxene; Cpx. clinopyroxene. Scale bar is 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Fig.3** U-Pb isotopic ages of perovskite grains from the Obnazhennaya kimberlite (a, b) and rutile grains from eclogite xenoliths of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite (c, d). The upper intercepts (a, c) are fixed at the common Pb composition from the terrestrial Pb isotope evolution model of Stacey and Kramers (1975), i.e., SK model, and a regression line is forced through the uncorrected U-Pb data and the SK common Pb composition to obtain the lower intercept age. The  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  weighted ages (b, d) were calculated after  $^{207}\text{Pb}$  correction calculated using the SK common Pb composition.

**Fig.4** Comparison of all available ages for kimberlites from the Obnazhennaya pipe and the Kuoika kimberlite field. Paleomagnetic data of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite is from Blanco et al. (2013). Not shown is Obnazhennaya kimberlite K-Ar data of 400 Ma (Brakhfogel 1984). Zircon fission track data of Obnazhennaya kimberlite is from Griffin et al. (1999). U-Pb ages of zircon and perovskite from the Kuoika kimberlite field are from Brakhfogel (1984); Bristow et al. (1991); Davis et al. (1980); Griffin et al. (1999); Kinny et al. (1997); Lepekhina et al. (2008); Sun et al. (2014); Sun et al. (2018).

**Fig.5** Frequency histogram (light green and light blue) and probability density (red) function of Siberian kimberlites. Light green represent Siberian kimberlite ages in previous studies, data are from Griffin et al. (1999), Davis et al. (1980), Lepekhina et al. (2008), Sun et al. (2014) and Sun et al. (2018). Light blue represents U-Pb age for perovskite from Obnazhennaya kimberlite.

**Fig.6** Paleoreconstructions of Mongol-Okhotsk Ocean (MOO) from 200 Ma to 150 Ma. Light blue represents the Mongol Okhotsk Ocean (MOO).

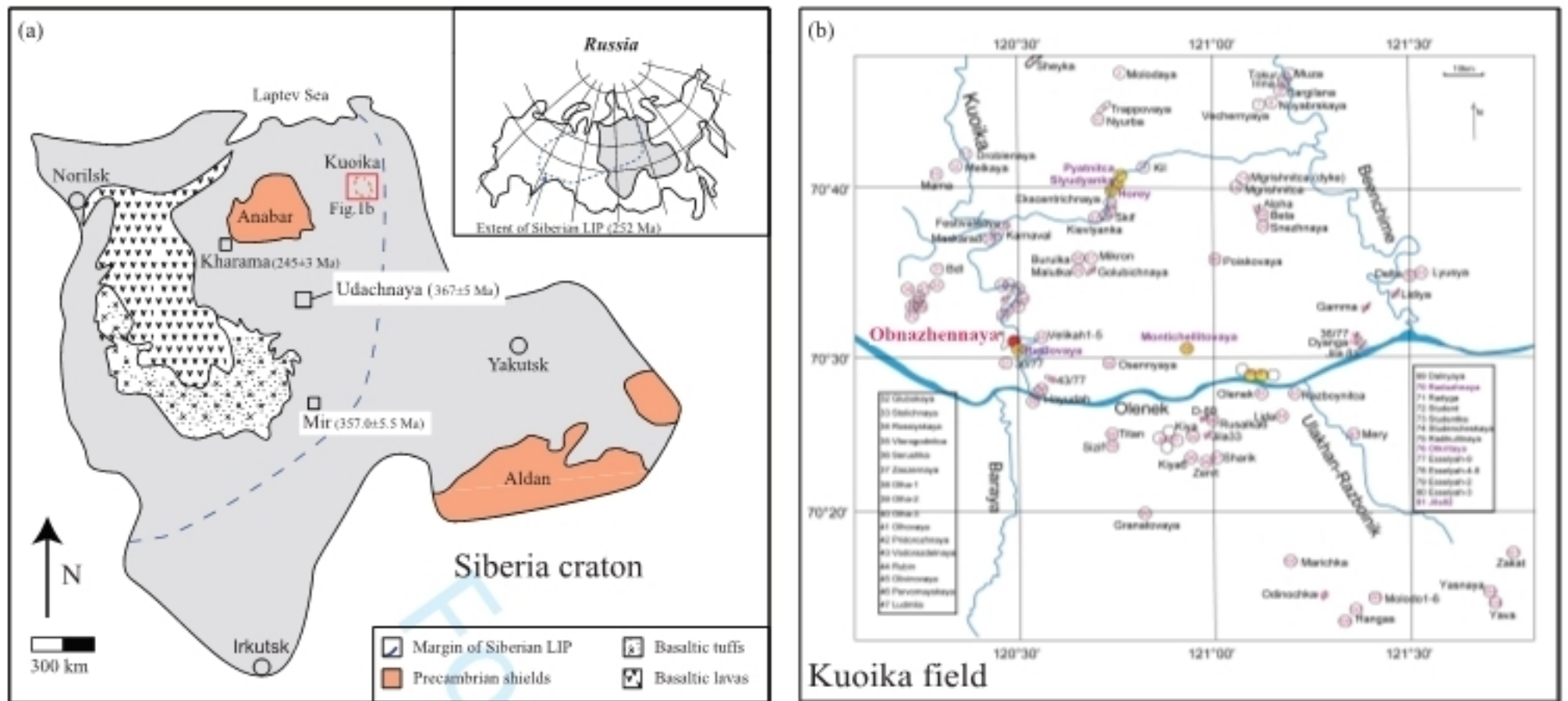


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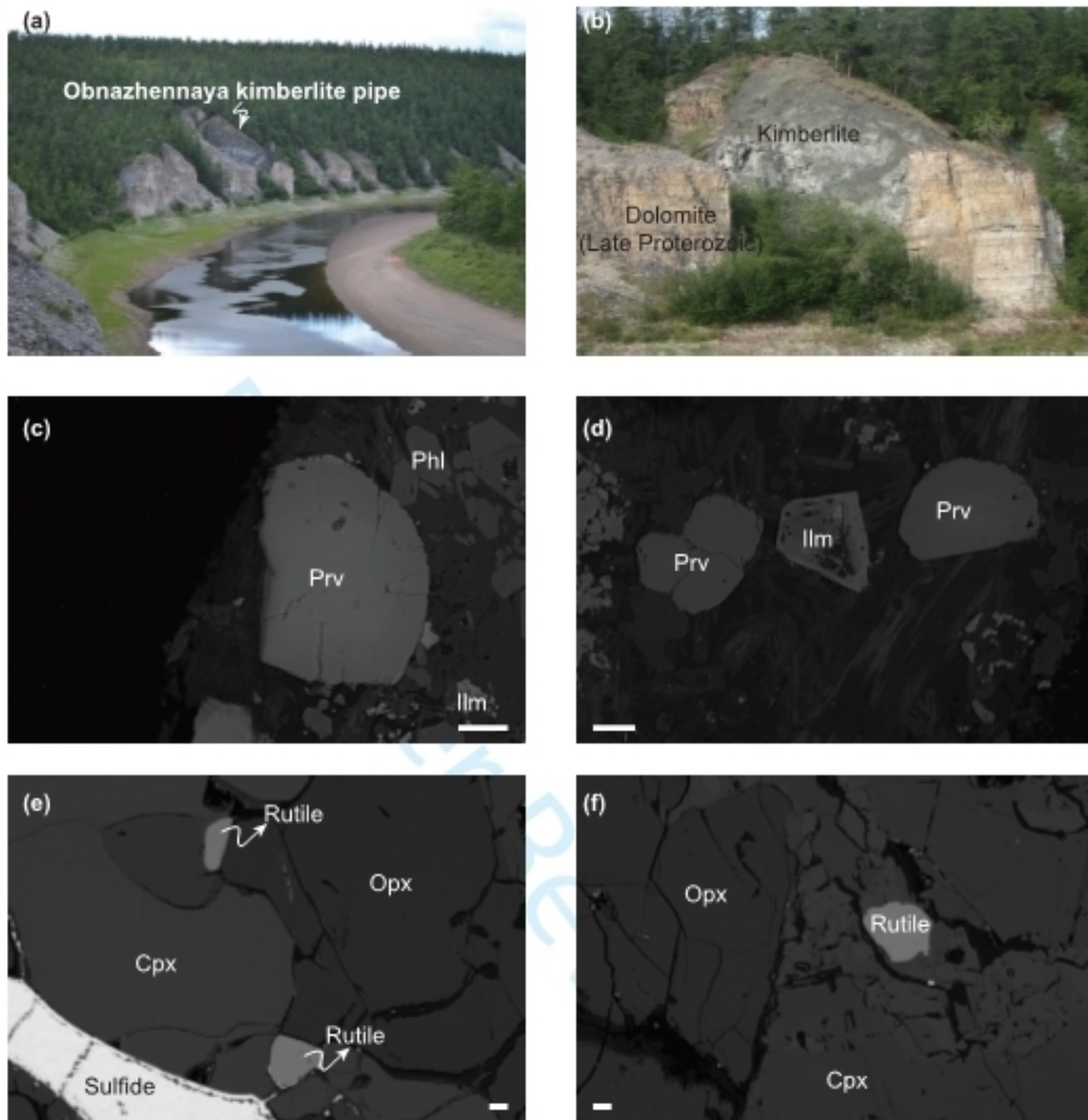


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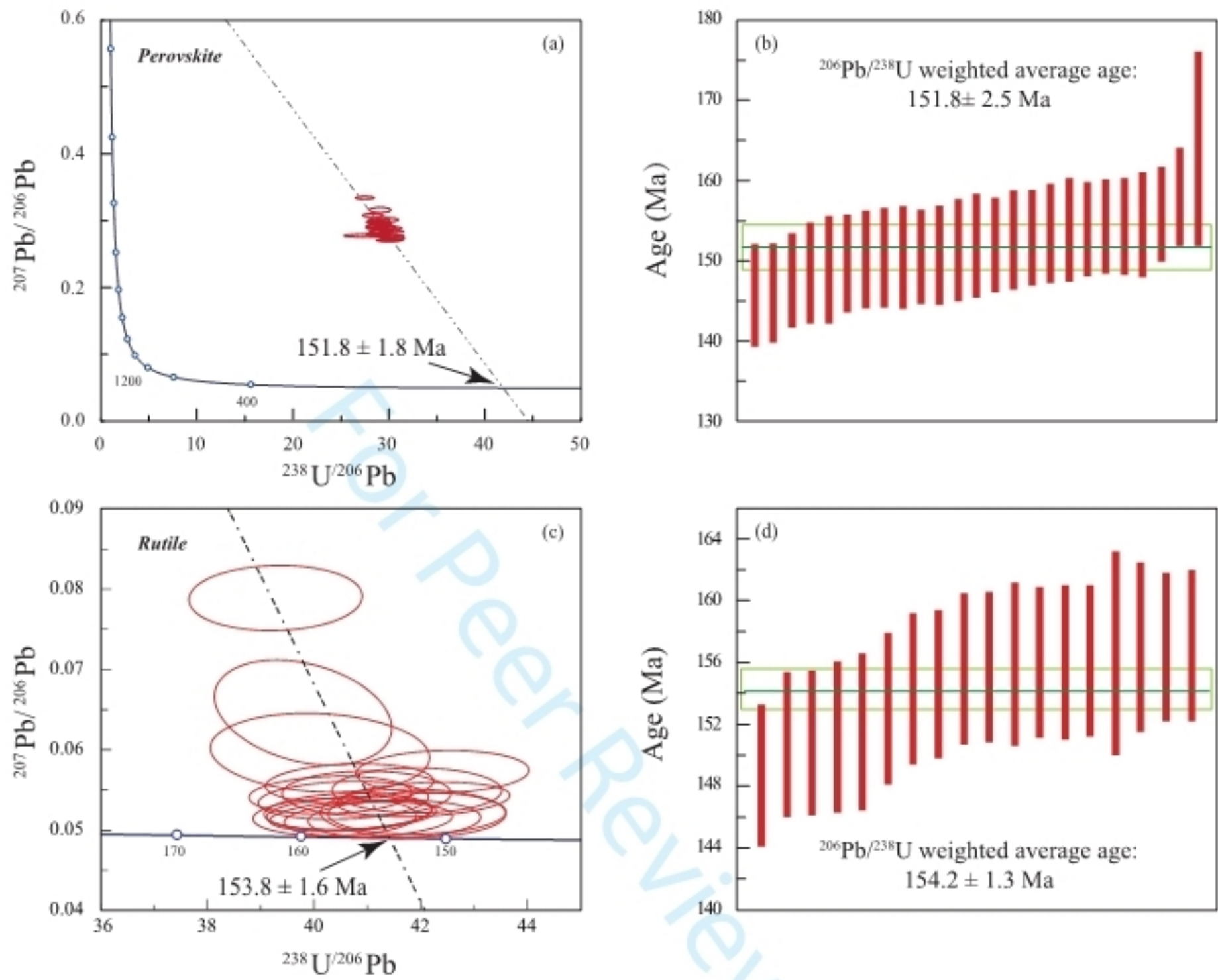


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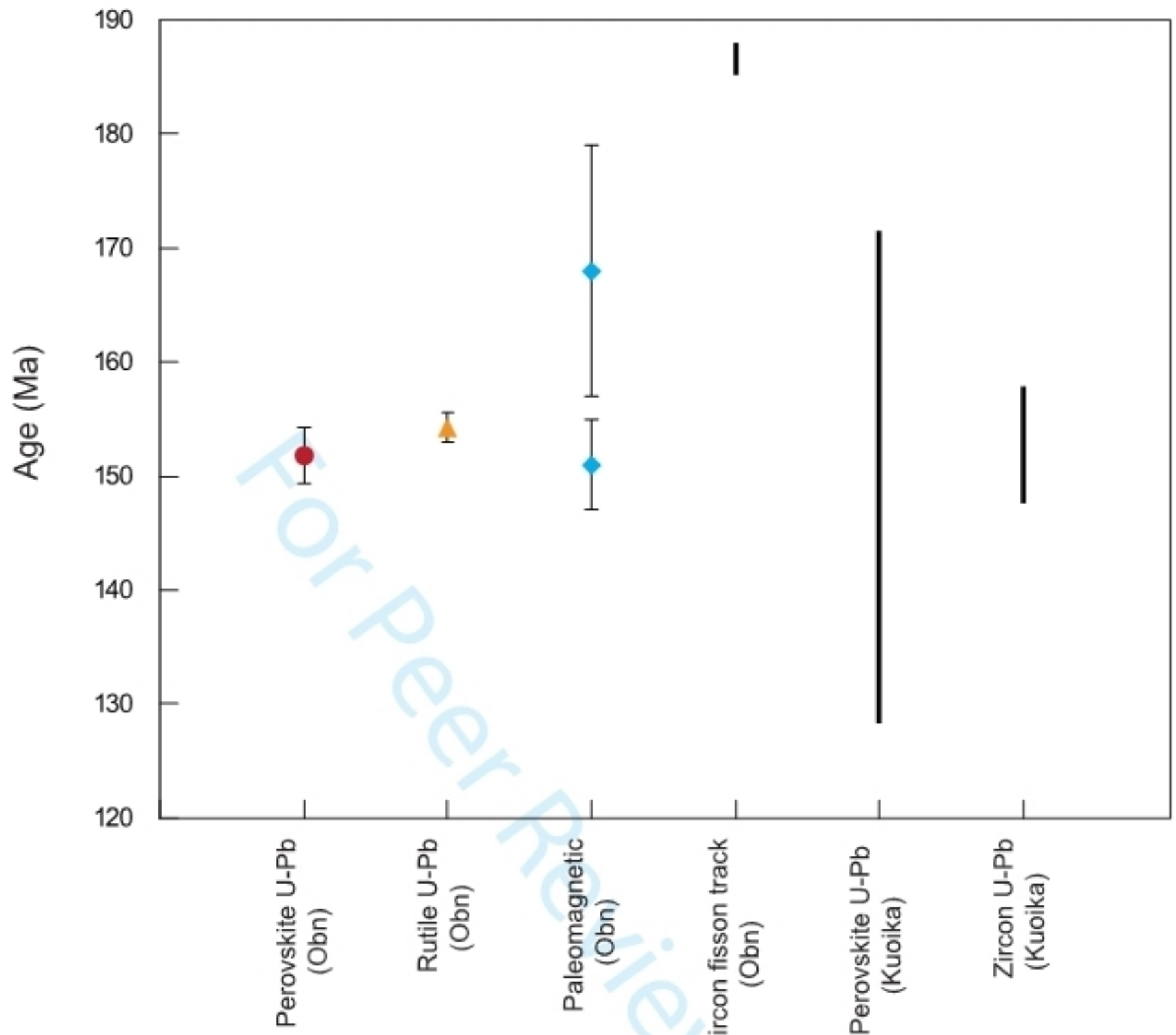


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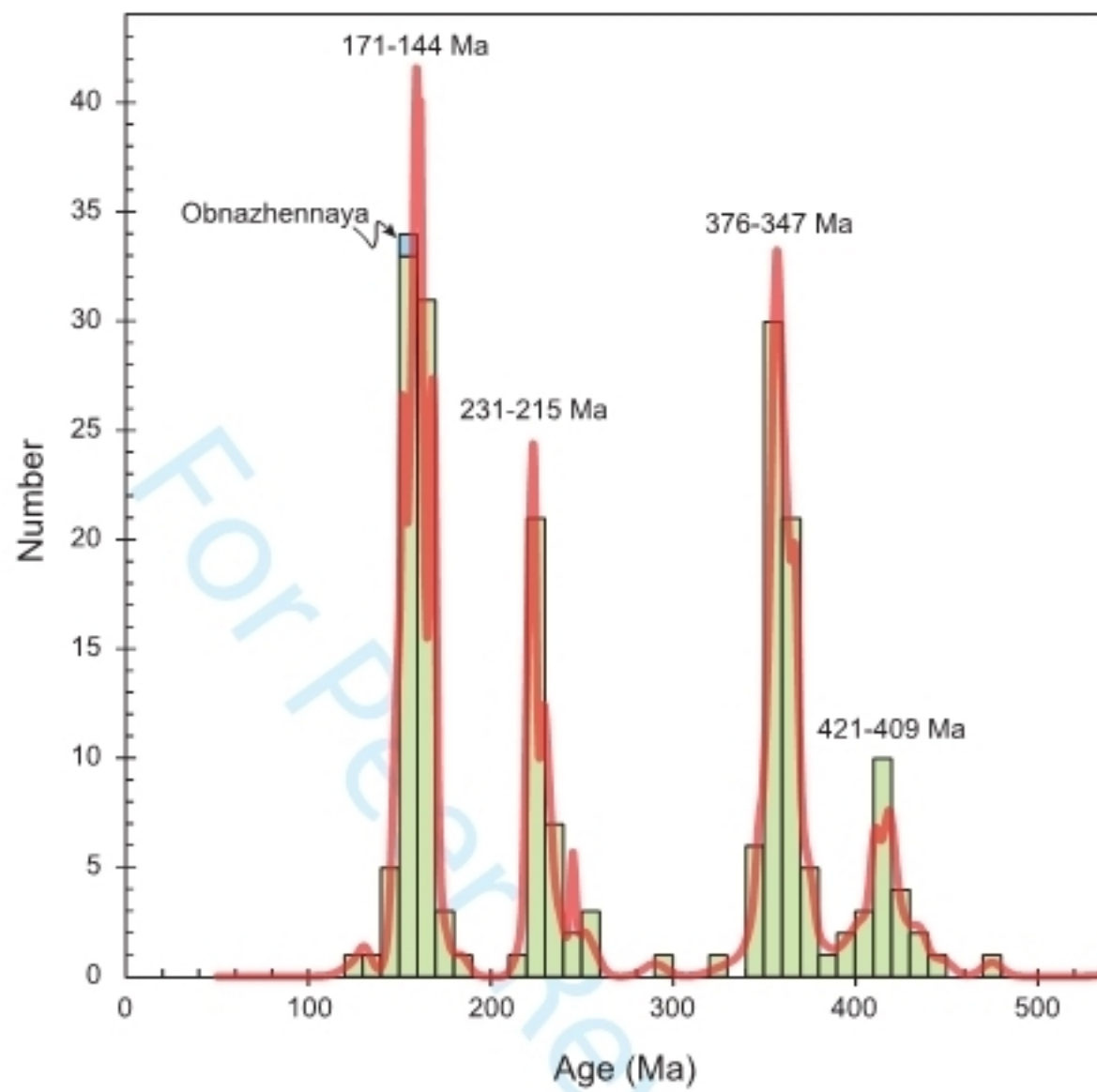


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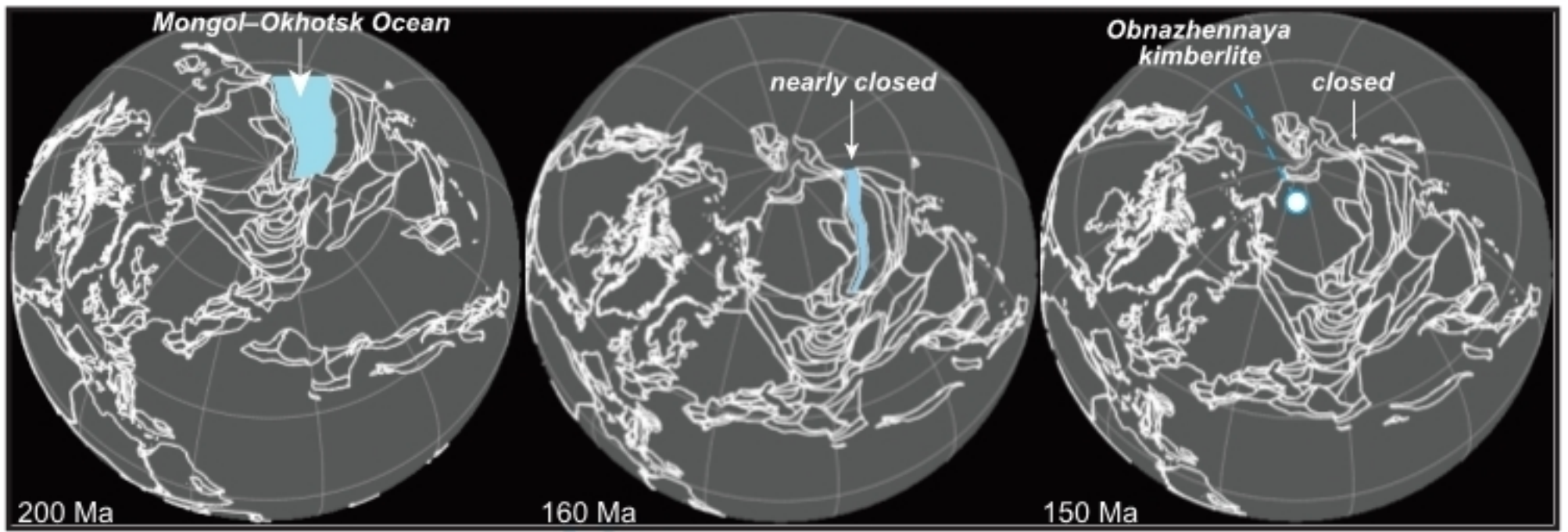


Fig.6

Supp. Table 1 SIMS U-Pb ages of perovskites from the Obnazhennaya kimberlite pipe

Sample	U (ppm)	Th (ppm)	Th/U	Pb (ppm)	Isotope ratio uncorrected				<sup>207</sup> Pb correction SK model age (Ma)
					<sup>238</sup> U/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	error(%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	error(%)	
obn7-191@01	31.61	57.57	1.82	0.11	27.6888	7.0	0.2778	0.7	164.0 ± 12.1
obn7-191@02	19.96	38.17	1.91	dl	27.4813	2.9	0.3342	0.5	148.9 ± 6.7
obn7-191@03	29.85	55.82	1.87	0.08	30.2655	3.4	0.2840	0.3	148.5 ± 6.3
obn7-191@04	29.58	54.22	1.83	0.03	29.2636	3.1	0.2846	0.7	153.4 ± 6.2
obn7-191@05	31.08	56.92	1.83	0.11	29.1171	2.9	0.2784	0.3	155.8 ± 5.9
obn7-191@06	35.86	67.13	1.87	0.14	29.7974	3.0	0.2710	0.4	154.3 ± 5.9
obn7-191@07	29.18	56.81	1.95	0.03	30.1906	3.0	0.2887	0.7	147.6 ± 5.9
obn7-191@08	27.69	54.98	1.99	0.02	29.8272	3.1	0.3013	0.9	146.0 ± 6.2
obn7-191@09	30.83	61.75	2.00	0.09	28.8092	3.3	0.2890	0.6	154.5 ± 6.5
obn7-191@10	34.66	59.13	1.71	0.16	30.1072	3.3	0.2711	0.5	152.6 ± 6.2
obn7-191@11	31.12	58.34	1.87	0.05	29.1072	3.0	0.2840	0.6	154.3 ± 6.1
obn7-191@12	29.78	60.55	2.03	dl	28.6386	2.7	0.2981	0.6	152.9 ± 6.0
obn7-191@13	28.26	55.59	1.97	0.03	29.5765	3.1	0.2903	0.8	150.2 ± 6.1
obn7-191@14	29.73	59.06	1.99	dl	29.5750	3.1	0.2898	0.6	150.4 ± 6.2
obn7-191@15	29.00	57.44	1.98	0.04	29.2169	3.1	0.2954	0.7	150.7 ± 6.2
obn7-191@16	28.56	53.64	1.88	0.12	30.4295	3.1	0.2730	0.6	150.5 ± 5.9
obn7-191@17	31.86	62.14	1.95	0.13	28.6589	2.9	0.2796	0.6	158.0 ± 6.1
obn7-191@18	33.69	60.10	1.78	0.07	30.3758	3.2	0.2771	0.7	149.7 ± 6.1
obn7-191@19	28.97	59.36	2.05	dl	29.0355	3.2	0.2963	0.3	151.3 ± 6.4
obn7-191@20	26.76	49.15	1.84	0.16	29.8938	3.0	0.2775	0.9	152.0 ± 5.9
obn7-191@21	27.78	56.53	2.03	0.04	28.9812	3.1	0.3010	0.6	150.4 ± 6.4
obn7-191@22	25.84	52.18	2.02	dl	28.3171	3.1	0.3080	0.6	151.9 ± 6.5
obn7-191@23	30.07	59.06	1.96	0.08	28.7967	3.2	0.2916	0.8	153.9 ± 6.5
obn7-191@24	23.97	47.65	1.99	dl	29.0819	3.1	0.3160	1.0	145.7 ± 6.4
obn7-191@25	28.36	59.22	2.09	0.07	28.7917	2.7	0.2913	0.8	154.0 ± 5.9

dl: detection limit

Supp. Table 2 LA-ICPMS U-Pb ages of rutile from eclogite xenoliths of the Obnazhennaya kimberlite

Comments	U ppm	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$	2s	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$	2s	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$	2s	$^{207}\text{Pb-corr}$	2s
OBN_1_1	6.2	0.176	0.008	0.025	0.001	0.052	0.002	157.1	4.9
OBN_1_2	6.1	0.177	0.007	0.025	0.001	0.052	0.002	156.0	4.9
OBN_1_3	6.7	0.173	0.007	0.024	0.001	0.053	0.002	154.6	4.8
OBN_1_4	6.8	0.175	0.006	0.025	0.001	0.053	0.002	155.7	4.9
OBN_1_5	6.8	0.178	0.008	0.025	0.001	0.053	0.002	156.1	4.9
OBN_2_1	1.2	0.224	0.022	0.025	0.001	0.064	0.006	157.0	5.5
OBN_3	6.3	0.186	0.008	0.025	0.001	0.054	0.002	157.0	4.8
OBN_4	3.9	0.172	0.010	0.024	0.001	0.053	0.003	151.5	5.1
OBN_5	5.7	0.171	0.008	0.024	0.001	0.051	0.003	153.0	4.9
OBN_6_1	4.1	0.183	0.008	0.025	0.001	0.055	0.003	156.0	5.0
OBN_6_2	3.7	0.189	0.008	0.025	0.001	0.055	0.002	155.6	4.9
OBN_7	3.9	0.171	0.009	0.024	0.001	0.053	0.003	151.2	4.9
OBN_8_1	6.3	0.186	0.009	0.024	0.001	0.057	0.003	148.7	4.6
OBN_8_2	6.2	0.177	0.007	0.024	0.001	0.053	0.002	150.7	4.7
OBN_9	6.7	0.181	0.009	0.024	0.001	0.055	0.003	150.8	4.7
OBN_10	1.1	0.205	0.017	0.025	0.001	0.060	0.005	156.6	6.6
OBN_11_1	3.6	0.277	0.015	0.025	0.001	0.080	0.004	155.9	5.3
OBN_11_2	3.8	0.184	0.010	0.024	0.001	0.055	0.003	154.3	4.9