

## 1 SUPPLEMENTARY METHODS AND RESULTS

2 Paulsen et al. (2016) describe the samples and methods used for zircon separation,  
3 imaging, and U-Pb age analysis, the results of which are shown in Figure 2A for the 800-  
4 400 Ma U-Pb zircon population. For zircons large enough to accommodate another laser  
5 ablation spot, trace elements were measured using the same grain mount and the same  
6 LA-ICP-MS instrument, as described in Paulsen et al. (2016), in an effort to determine  
7 the source rock provenance of the igneous zircons. Where possible, laser spots were  
8 selected within the same zone, though the small size of the majority of zircons mostly  
9 precludes this possibility. A typical analysis consisted of: (1) 5 cleaning pulses, followed  
10 by (2) 17 seconds of washout, (3) 22 seconds of gas blank, and (4) 40 seconds ablation  
11 time followed by 5 seconds of waiting time before moving the stage. Two standards  
12 (either NIST610 or NIST612 synthetic glass standards) were dispersed every 30 analyses  
13 and used for drift correction. Zircon reference material 91500 was analyzed once in  
14 every block of samples as a secondary reference material. Drift correction and data  
15 reduction were carried out with the MATLAB-based SILLS software (Guillong et al.,  
16 2008), and trace element concentrations were normalized to a Si value of 151682 ppm  
17 (equivalent to the Si content in a grain that is 99%  $\text{ZrSiO}_4$ ). Individual spot analysis error  
18 is difficult to quantify, but long-term laboratory reproducibility of homogenous glass  
19 standards indicates a precision of better than 5 rel. % for element  $\gg$  LLOD. The trace  
20 element analytical data are reported in Table DR2.

21 One-way Means ANOVA (analysis of variance), was performed on the zircon  
22 trace element ratios used as proxies for various parameters related to arc evolution. This  
23 method was used to analyze the significance of differences among the groups' means and  
24 the variation. In our model the groups are trace element ratios for 20 Myr. increments  
25 used as a proxy for slab fluid addition (Fig. DR3), crustal input (Fig. DR4), and crustal  
26 thickness (Fig. DR5). We show additional examples of ratios for crustal input and  
27 thickness that also have similar patterns. The Sr/Y ratio is commonly utilized as a proxy  
28 for crustal thickness (e.g. Profeta et al., 2015; Chapman et al., 2015); however, the low  
29 abundance of Sr in zircon prevented accurate measurement for calculating this ratio.  
30 Therefore, we use other ratios (Yb/Gd and Y/Gd) for the crustal thickness proxy with  
31 elements that are in high abundance in zircons similar to Barth et al. (2013). All zircons  
32 are from granitoid parent rocks (see below) and were chosen from a restricted range of Hf  
33 contents (10-12k) to reduce the effects that melt compositional evolution might have on  
34 the ratios. The Hf range does not encompass the highest values in the dataset in an effort  
35 to specifically avoid the compositional influence of late-stage accessory phase  
36 crystallization. Importantly, there is no correlation between Hf and any of the trace  
37 element ratios, which demonstrates that melt evolution has a negligible effect on these  
38 ratios within the chosen range of Hf.

39 We applied the 'Long' classification and regression tree analysis (CART) to the  
40 zircon trace element data following Belousova et al. (2002), who showed that igneous  
41 parent rock type could be distinguished with  $>80\%$  confidence for carbonatites (84%),  
42 syenites (100%), Ne-syenite and syenite pegmatites (93%), and dolerites (84%). Zircons  
43 from other granitoids (65-70%  $\text{SiO}_2$ , 70-75%  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $>75\%$   $\text{SiO}_2$ , and larvikites, a high-k  
44 granitoid) were distinguished with a  $>80\%$  confidence with further subdivision into  $\text{SiO}_2$   
45 classes commonly yielding misclassification primarily into higher or lower  $\text{SiO}_2$  content

46 and therefore lower confidence (Belousova et al., 2002). Basalts were distinguished with  
47 a 47% confidence (Belousova et al., 2002). We excluded zircons with U/Th ratios >10  
48 ppm (n=47) from the CART analysis because the higher ratio can develop as a  
49 consequence of metamorphism (Hoskin and Schaltegger, 2003; Gehrels et al., 2009) and  
50 intra-crystalline age variation indicates cases where high U/Th ratios correlate with  
51 younger rims that surround older cores (Paulsen et al., 2016).

52 The 800-400 Ma U-Pb zircon ages are shown according to rock type in Figs. 2B  
53 and 3A-D on probability density diagrams (from Ludwig, 2003). These diagrams show  
54 each age and its uncertainty (for measurement error only) as a normal distribution, and  
55 sum all ages from a rock type into a single curve. The curves for the different rock types  
56 have been superimposed to identify the relative relationships between the probability  
57 peaks and lows. Dashed line in Fig. 3B represents relative probability age distribution of  
58 alkaline and carbonatite igneous crystallization ages from the Koettlitz Glacier alkaline  
59 suite (Worley et al., 1995; compiled ages from Cooper et al., 1997; Mellish et al., 2002;  
60 Read et al., 2002; Cottle and Cooper, 2006; Read, 2010; Martin et al., 2014; Hagen-Peter  
61 and Cottle, in press). White mica  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  age data (n=200) in Fig. 3D are from Di  
62 Vincenzo et al. (2015). Dashed line in Fig. 3D represents relative probability age  
63 distribution yielded by the analysis of the subordinate 800-570 Ma white mica  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$   
64 ages (n=35 of the cumulative 200 analyses) alone to vertically exaggerate the older  
65 portion of the probability curve (schematically indicated by white arrows) to better  
66 delineate relationships with respect to the granitoid peaks and troughs.

67 The age ranges and peak ages of clusters reported below were determined using  
68 the Age Pick Excel program (2009) of G. Gehrels available at the Arizona LaserChron  
69 Center ([www.geo.arizona.edu/alc](http://www.geo.arizona.edu/alc)). The age ranges and peak ages require three or more  
70 age contributions at the 2-sigma level. The Age Pick program yields the numbers of grain  
71 ages that fall within an age range (not the number of analyses that make probability  
72 contributions to define the age range). The Age Pick program also yields the numbers of  
73 analyses that contribute to an age probability peak at the 2-sigma level. Probability peaks  
74 are required to have probability contributions from three or more overlapping analyses.  
75 We use the 2015 International Chronostratigraphic Chart timescale (Cohen et al. 2013,  
76 updated) where we discuss the age peaks below.

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### 78 *Granitoid Zircons*

79 A total of 233 of 371 granitoid (granitoid >65% SiO<sub>2</sub> and larvikite in Belousova  
80 et al., 2002) U-Pb age analyses met acceptable concordance thresholds (Fig. 2B). The  
81 dominant age cluster yielded by the cumulative analysis ranges from 805–470 Ma  
82 (Tonian-Ordovician), contains 231 ages, and has 24 peaks in age probability at 792 Ma  
83 (n=6), 765 Ma (n=4), 753 Ma (n=4), 737 Ma (n=6), 703 Ma (n=22), 677 Ma (n=5), 657  
84 (n=7), 650 (n=7), 638 (n=8), 625 (n=14), 605 (n=13), 593 (n=22), 579 (n=19), 572  
85 (n=23), 559 (n=15), 538 (n=16), 517 (n=13), 512 (n=9), 505 (n=13), 493 (n=8), 488  
86 (n=5), 481 (n=5), and 473 (n=4).

### 87 *Mafic Zircons*

88 A total of 58 dolerite (n=48/60) and basalt (n=10/18) U-Pb age analyses met  
89 acceptable concordance thresholds (Fig. 3A). The two dominant age clusters yielded by  
90 the cumulative analysis ranges from 610–572 Ma (Ediacaran; n=19) and from 565–533  
91 Ma (Ediacaran-Cambrian; n=15) and include 7 peaks in age probability at 604 Ma (n=7),  
92 596 Ma (n=3), 584 Ma (n=7), 576 Ma (n=7), 564 Ma (n=3), 555 Ma (n=6), and 547 Ma  
93 (n=9). Two additional clusters range from 692–672 Ma (Cryogenian; n=5 ages) and 650–  
94 634 Ma (Cryogenian-Ediacaran; n=5 ages) and include 5 age probability peaks at 687 Ma  
95 (n=3), 676 Ma (n=4), 647 Ma (n=4), and 641 Ma (n=5). One additional age probability  
96 peak also occurs at 628 Ma (n=3). Zircons in basalts are expected to be rare. Indeed, the  
97 basaltic zircons in Belousova et al. (2002) have the highest potential for being  
98 misclassified (47% confidence). However, these 'basaltic' zircons are more likely to be  
99 sourced from doleritic (plutonic) rocks given that most basalt will not be saturated in  
100 zircon until they are at low temperatures and mostly crystalline and the melt in  
101 equilibrium with those crystals has become evolved and the zirconium concentration has  
102 increased sufficiently (Hanchar and Watson, 2003). Hafnium is used as a proxy for melt  
103 evolution; increasing Hf with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, the low Hf zircons that are  
104 classified as 'basaltic' would still likely be derived from a mafic magma similar in  
105 composition to a dolerite. We have included these 'basaltic' zircons for the sake of  
106 completeness for representing the mafic source rocks. Excluding these zircons does not  
107 significantly impact these results..

#### 108 *Carbonatite/Alkaline Zircons*

109 A total of 53 carbonatite (n=22/27) and alkaline (syenite, n=30/34; Ne-  
110 syenite/syenite pegmatite, n=1/2) U-Pb age analyses met acceptable concordance  
111 thresholds (Fig. 3B). The dominant age cluster yielded by the cumulative analysis ranges  
112 from 629–546 Ma (Ediacaran), contains 45 ages, and has 8 peaks in age probability at  
113 625 Ma (n=3), 605 Ma (n=9), 591 Ma (n=10), 584 Ma (n=11), 576 Ma (n=12), 566  
114 (n=5), 558 Ma (n=8), and 552 Ma (n=9). These 591-576 Ma age probability peaks are  
115 similar to 593–572 Ma age probability peaks (584 Ma average) reported for alkaline  
116 (carbonatite and syenite) detrital zircons yielded by 4 Neogene beach sands and a Triassic  
117 sandstone in eastern Australia, which paleocurrent data suggest are derived from Wilkes  
118 Land just to the west of the NVL study area in Antarctica (Veevers et al., 2006; Veevers,  
119 2007).

#### 120 *Metamorphic (U/Th>10) Zircons*

121 A total of 33 of 42 metamorphic (U/Th>10) U-Pb age analyses met acceptable  
122 concordance thresholds (Fig. 3C). The 4 dominant age clusters yielded by the cumulative  
123 analysis range from 665–643 Ma (Cryogenian; n=4), 625–613 Ma (Ediacaran; n=3), 611–  
124 602 Ma (Ediacaran; n=3), and 540–528 Ma (Cambrian; n=3). These include 5 peaks in  
125 age probability at 658 Ma (n=3), 648 Ma (n=4), 618 Ma (n=4), 607 Ma (n=5), and 532  
126 Ma (n=3). Four additional age probability peaks also occur at 628 Ma (n=3), 582 Ma  
127 (n=4), 556 Ma (n=3), and 546 Ma (n=4).

#### 128 *White Mica*

129 A cumulative analyses of a total of 200 white mica <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar age analyses from  
130 Di Vincenzo et al. (2014) yielded a dominant age cluster ranging from 633–477 Ma

131 (Ediacaran-Ordovician) (Fig. 3D). This cluster contains 188 ages and has 24 peaks in age  
132 probability at 631 Ma (n=3), 622 Ma (n=4), 614 Ma (n=5), 607 Ma (n=4), 604 Ma (n=5),  
133 598 Ma (n=4), 593 Ma (n=6), 590 Ma (n=6), 584 Ma (n=6), 566 Ma (n=6), 561 Ma  
134 (n=12), 557 Ma (n=17), 552 Ma (n=17), 546 Ma (n=15), 533 Ma (n=22), 529 Ma (n=23),  
135 524 Ma (n=22), 521 Ma (n=21), 515 Ma (n=17), 507 Ma (n=11), 503 Ma (n=7), 494 Ma  
136 (n=12), 485 Ma (n=16), and 480 Ma (n=9). One additional cluster ranges from 468–462  
137 Ma (Ordovician; n=3 ages) and includes 1 age probability peak at 465 Ma (n=3).

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## 250 SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE CAPTIONS

251 Supplementary Figure DR1. Simplified geologic map showing intrusive, sedimentary,  
252 and metamorphic basement rocks of the Ross orogen in north Victoria Land.  
253 Tectonostratigraphic differences across the area have led to the definition of the Wilson,  
254 Bowers, and Robertson Bay terranes, which are separated from their respective neighbors  
255 by regional fault zones (Crispini et al., 2014). Comparative analysis of detrital zircon age  
256 populations indicates that inboard stratigraphic successions (Wilson Terrane) and those  
257 located outboard of the East Antarctic craton (the Bowers and Robertson Bay terranes)  
258 have similar ~1200-950 Ma (Mesoproterozoic-Neoproterozoic) and ~700-490 Ma (late  
259 Neoproterozoic-Cambrian, Furongian) age populations (Paulsen et al., 2016; Estrada et  
260 al., in press). The affinity of the age populations of the sandstones to each other, as well  
261 as Gondwana sources and Pacific-Gondwana marginal stratigraphic belts, indicates that  
262 the outboard successions do not represent form exotic terranes that docked with  
263 Gondwana during the Ross orogeny and instead places the provinces in proximity to each  
264 other and within the peri-Gondwana realm during the late Neoproterozoic to Cambrian  
265 (Paulsen et al., 2016), in agreement with the conclusions reached by other authors  
266 (Kleinschmidt and Tessensohn, 1987; Ferraccioli et al., 2002; Tessensohn and Henjes-  
267 Kunst, 2005; Federico et al., 2006; Rocchi et al., 2011; Crispini et al., 2014; Estrada et  
268 al., in press). White stars indicate approximate locations of detrital zircon samples  
269 analyzed in this paper and black stars indicate approximate locations of detrital white  
270 mica samples analyzed by Di Vincenzo et al. (2015) for north Victoria Land. Figure  
271 compiled from Stump (1995) and Läufer et al. (2006).

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273 Supplementary Figure DR2. Summary plot and statistics for One-way Means ANOVA  
274 (analysis of variance). Plot show means (center line in diamond) with 95% confidence  
275 intervals (upper and lower horizontal lines near apexes) for U/Yb through time. Time  
276 increments are 20 Myr. The ratios are assumed to increase with increasing slab-derived  
277 fluid addition due to the high mobility of U in fluids relative to other elements. The plot  
278 shows a broad peak in the U/Yb ratio over the period from 640-520 Ma.

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280 Supplementary Figure DR3. Summary plots and statistics for One-way Means ANOVA  
281 (analysis of variance). Plots show means (center line in diamond) with 95% confidence

282 intervals (upper and lower horizontal lines near apexes) for Th/U and Th/Yb through  
283 time. Time increments are 20 Myr. The ratios are assumed to increase with increasing  
284 crustal input due to enrichment in Th relative to other elements as the Proterozoic crust  
285 evolved. The plots show that a statistically significant difference exists between zircons  
286 that occur from 500-460 Ma and 620-560 Ma, and those through the rest of the period  
287 from 800-400 Ma.

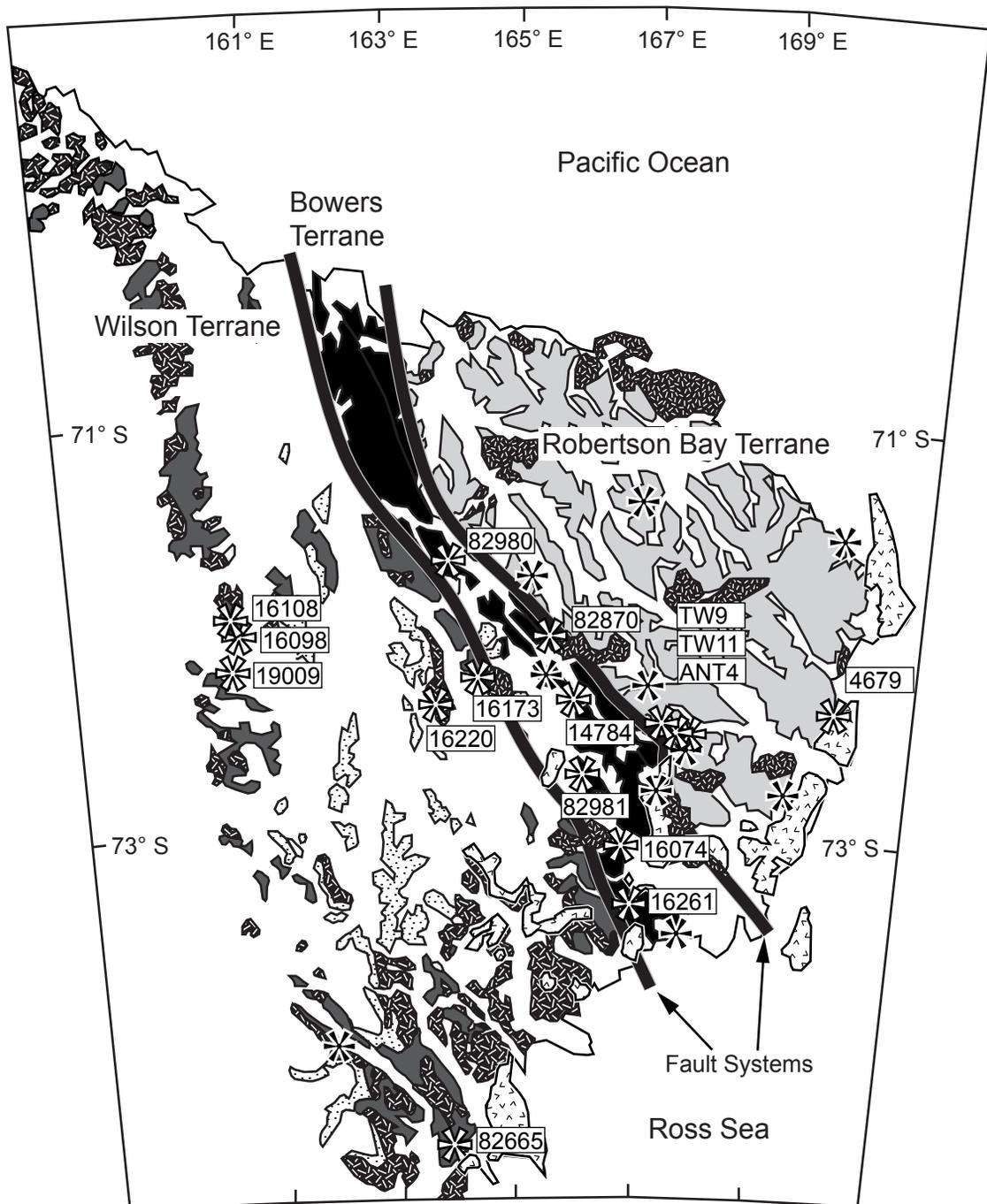
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289 Supplementary Figure DR4. Summary plots and statistics for One-way Means ANOVA  
290 (analysis of variance). Plots show means (center line in diamond) with 95% confidence  
291 intervals (upper and lower horizontal lines near apexes) for Yb/Gd and Y/Gd through  
292 time. Time increments are 20 Myr. The ratios are assumed to decrease with increasing  
293 crustal thickness due to the preferential incorporation of HREE (Yb) or Y into garnet.  
294 The presence of garnet in crustal magmas is indicative of high pressure. The plots show  
295 that a statistically significant difference exists between zircons that occur from 620-560  
296 Ma compared to the rest of the period from 800-400 Ma. This is interpreted as a period  
297 where the thickest crust existed.

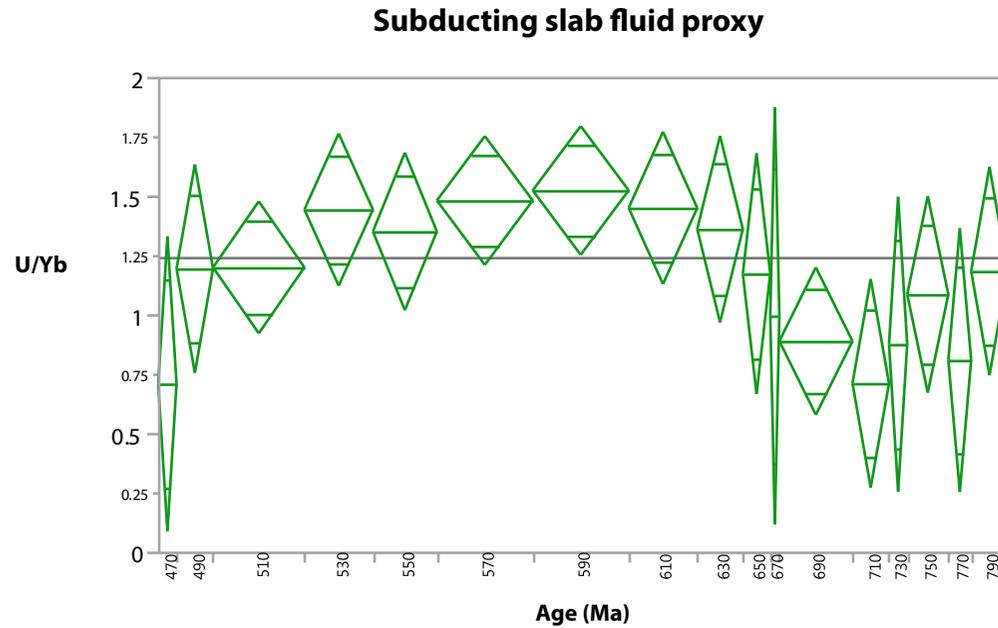
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Supplementary Figure DR1.



-  -Cenozoic-  
McMurdo Volcanic Group
-  -Devonian-Jurassic-  
Beacon Supergroup & Ferrar Dolerite
-  -Devonian-Carboniferous-  
Admiralty Intrusives
-  -Cambrian-  
Granite Harbor Intrusives
-  -Neoproterozoic-Cambrian-  
Wilson Terrane-Wilson Group
-  -Cambrian-  
Bowers Terrane-Bowers Supergroup
-  -Cambrian (?) -Ordovician-  
Robertson Bay Terrane-Robertson Bay Group

**Summary of Fit**

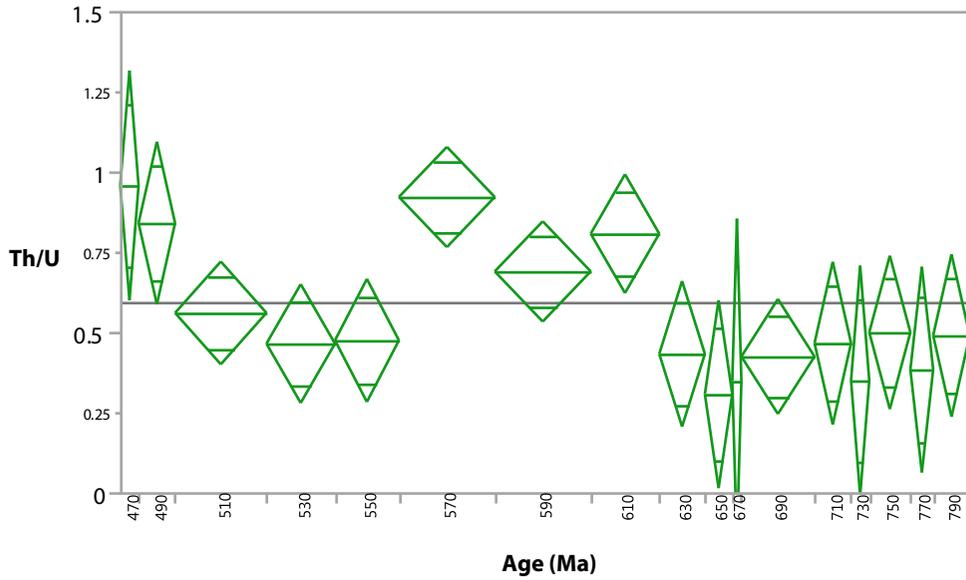
<b>Rsquare</b>	0.149283
<b>Adj Rsquare</b>	0.068742
<b>Root Mean Square Error</b>	0.629159
<b>Mean of Response</b>	1.241992
<b>Observations (or Sum Wgts)</b>	186

**Analysis of Variance**

<b>Source</b>	<b>DF</b>	<b>Sum of Squares</b>	<b>Mean Square</b>	<b>F Ratio</b>	<b>Prob &gt; F</b>
Sample	16	11.739054	0.733691	1.8535	0.0281
Error	169	66.897146	0.395841		
C. Total	185	78.636201			

# Supplementary Figure DR3.

## Crustal input proxy



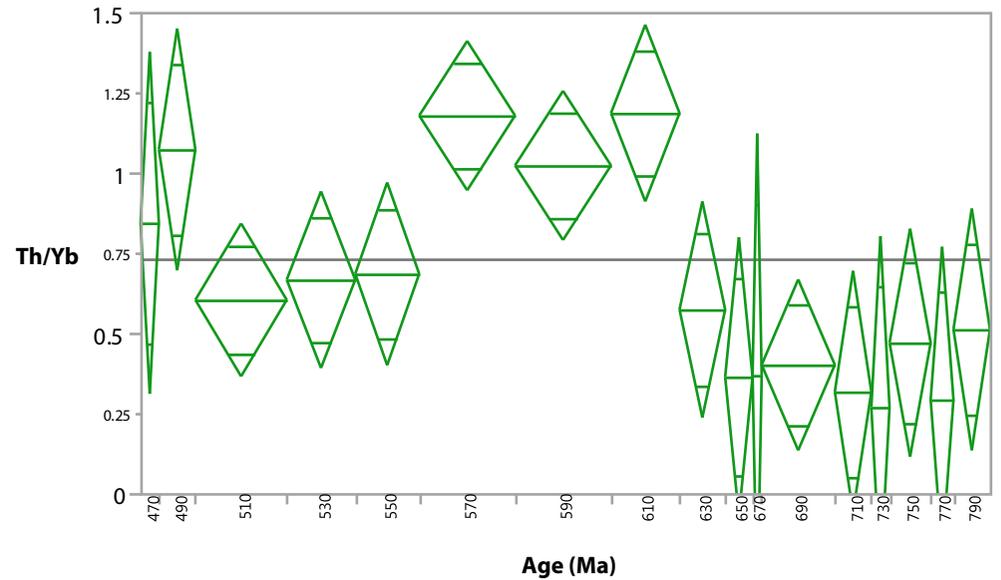
### Summary of Fit

<b>Rsquare</b>	0.231635
<b>Adj Rsquare</b>	0.158891
<b>Root Mean Square Error</b>	0.362951
<b>Mean of Response</b>	0.593399
<b>Observations (or Sum Wgts)</b>	186

### Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio	Prob > F
Sample	16	6.711507	0.419469	3.1842	<.0001
Error	169	22.262926	0.131733		
C. Total	185	28.974432			

## Crustal input proxy



### Summary of Fit

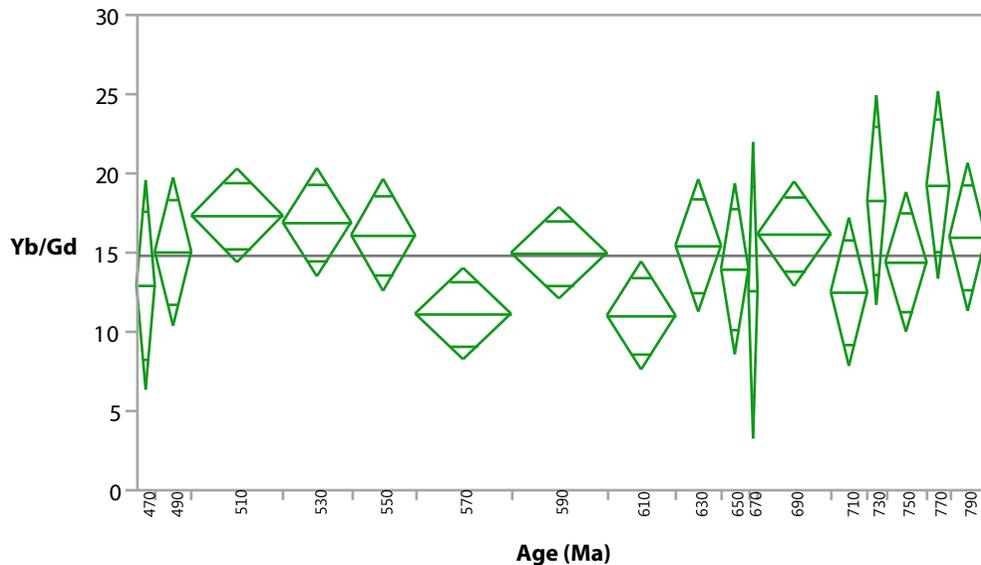
<b>Rsquare</b>	0.26473
<b>Adj Rsquare</b>	0.195118
<b>Root Mean Square Error</b>	0.539748
<b>Mean of Response</b>	0.731426
<b>Observations (or Sum Wgts)</b>	186

### Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio	Prob > F
Sample	16	17.726559	1.10791	3.8030	<.0001
Error	169	49.234420	0.29133		
C. Total	185	66.960979			

# Supplementary Figure DR4.

## Crustal Thickness Proxy



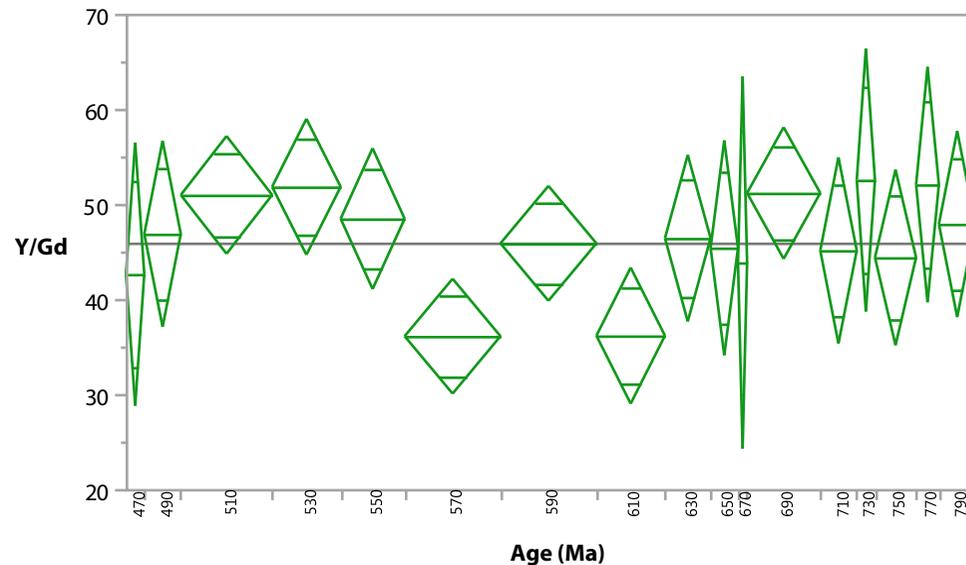
### Summary of Fit

<b>Rsquare</b>	0.114512
<b>Adj Rsquare</b>	0.030679
<b>Root Mean Square Error</b>	6.699532
<b>Mean of Response</b>	14.80333
<b>Observations (or Sum Wgts)</b>	186

### Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio	Prob > F
Sample	16	980.9428	61.3089	1.3659	0.1641
Error	169	7585.3510	44.8837		
C. Total	185	8566.2938			

## Crustal Thickness Proxy



### Summary of Fit

<b>Rsquare</b>	0.141908
<b>Adj Rsquare</b>	0.060669
<b>Root Mean Square Error</b>	14.02617
<b>Mean of Response</b>	45.92995
<b>Observations (or Sum Wgts)</b>	186

### Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Ratio	Prob > F
Sample	16	5498.433	343.652	1.7468	0.0425
Error	169	33247.931	196.733		
C. Total	185	38746.364			