

1 **Melt Inclusions in Zircon: A Window to Understanding the**  
2 **Structure and Evolution of the magmatic system beneath the**  
3 **Laguna del Maule Volcanic Field**

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16 **Abstract**

17 Explosive silicic eruptions pose a significant threat to society, yet the development and  
18 destabilization of the underlying silicic magmatic systems are still controversial. Zircons provide  
19 simultaneous information on the trace element composition and age of silicic magmatic systems,  
20 while melt inclusions in quartz and plagioclase yield important constraints on their volatile  
21 content as well as storage depth. Melt inclusions in zircons (MIZs) combine these data from a  
22 single mineral grain, recording the age, storage depth, temperature, and composition of magmas,  
23 and thus provide unique constraints on the structure and evolution of silicic magmatic systems.  
24 We studied MIZs from the Laguna del Maule (LdM) volcanic field in the southern Andes that is  
25 among the most active Pleistocene-Holocene rhyolitic volcanic centers worldwide and a  
26 potentially hazardous system displaying inflation rates in excess of 25 cm/yr. The host zircon ages  
27 suggest that the LdM MIZ record extends to ~30 kyr before eruption, in contrast to the melt  
28 inclusions in LdM plagioclase and quartz crystals that formed only decades to centuries before

29 eruption. The major element compositions of MIZs are minimally affected by post-entrapment  
30 crystallization, and agree well with the LdM rhyolitic whole rock data. The more evolved major  
31 element composition of rle MIZs than rdm MIZs, suggests a long-term deeper connection of the  
32 rdm crystal mush to a more primitive magma body than that of the rle. The evidence of slow H  
33 diffusion observed in MIZs suggest that their H<sub>2</sub>O contents are not significantly affected by  
34 diffusion of H through the host zircon. The storage depths of 1.1 to 2.8 kbars recorded by the H<sub>2</sub>O  
35 contents of rdm and rle MIZs are consistent with the optimal emplacement window ( $2.0 \pm 0.5$   
36 kbar) of silicic magma reservoir growth, storage, and eruptibility based on thermomechanical  
37 modeling (Huber et al. 2019).

## 38 1. Introduction

39 Silicic magmatic systems can generate explosive eruptions of moderate to large sizes (<1  
40 to  $>10^3$  km<sup>3</sup>), posing significant risks to local communities and potentially causing substantial  
41 disruptions to global climate patterns that can adversely affect human societies and natural  
42 ecosystems. Shallow silicic magmas are thought to reside in the crust in the form of a crystal  
43 mush comprising less than 50% of melt, making it too viscous to erupt in bulk (Hildreth 2004).  
44 The process by which magma reservoirs develop and expand to significant sizes in the shallow  
45 crust over thousands of years, as well as the factors that cause destabilization, unrest, and  
46 eruption, is a topic of debate (Mahood 1990; Bachmann and Bergantz 2004; Bindeman and  
47 Simakin 2014; Wolff et al. 2015). The emerging model of trans-crustal magmatic systems suggests  
48 that sub-volcanic magma storage and differentiation occurs within multiple mushy magma  
49 reservoirs distributed vertically throughout the crust (Cashman et al. 2017).

50 Zircons have the unique ability to provide simultaneous information on the trace element  
51 composition and age within a single crystal domain by in situ microanalytical techniques (e.g.,  
52 Claiborne et al. 2010; Reid et al. 2011). The examination of zircon ages and compositions in silicic  
53 systems has revealed a variety of processes, such as long-term magma accumulation ( $10^3$ – $10^4$   
54 years), the merging of magmas with differing compositions, and the remobilization of near-  
55 solidus silicic magma (e.g., Bindeman et al. 2008; Wilson and Charlier 2009; Charlier and Wilson  
56 2010; Barker et al. 2014; Chamberlain et al. 2014; Wotzlaw et al. 2015; Reid and Vazquez 2017).  
57 Zircons have also provided constraints on the duration of mobile and eruptible magma storage  
58 prior to eruption, although conflicting observations have been made based on trace element  
59 diffusion profiles in zircon that suggest eruptible magmas are a transient feature in a  
60 predominantly cool, crystalline, and largely subsolidus crystal mush (Cooper and Kent 2014;  
61 Rubin et al. 2017; Szymanowski et al. 2017), while Ti-in-zircon temperatures suggest storage of  
62 eruptible magma for a  $10^3$ – $10^4$  year time scale (Barboni et al. 2016).

63 Eruptible rhyolite can be extracted via gravitational compaction and hindered settling  
64 (Bachmann and Bergantz 2004), while injections of hotter primitive magma catalyze this process  
65 by thermally rejuvenating the crystal-rich magma or remelting the silicic crust and cumulate  
66 (Mahood 1990; Bachmann and Bergantz 2004; Bindeman and Simakin 2014; Wolff et al. 2015).

67 Volatiles such as CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O play an important role, as they can transfer heat from a degassing  
68 primitive magma to the overlying crystal mush (e.g., Bachmann and Bergantz 2006), promote  
69 melt migration through a crystal mush (e.g., Huber and Parmigiani 2018), cause second boiling,  
70 inflation of magma reservoir, and explosive behavior (Blundy and Cashman 2008). Melt inclusions  
71 in minerals such as quartz and plagioclase provide important constraints on the volatile content  
72 of the primitive and more evolved magma, as well as their storage depth (Wallace et al. 1999;  
73 Blundy and Cashman 2005; Wallace 2005).

74 We present major element and H<sub>2</sub>O contents of melt inclusions in zircon (MIZs) and the  
75 trace element composition and <sup>230</sup>Th-<sup>238</sup>U ages of the host zircons erupted in the rhyolitic LdM  
76 volcanic field. Values of δ<sup>18</sup>O are also reported for MIZs and host zircons. LdM volcanic field is  
77 among the most active Pleistocene-Holocene rhyolitic volcanic centers worldwide and a  
78 potentially hazardous system showing inflation rates >25 cm/yr (Singer et al. 2014a). MIZs can  
79 record volatile saturation pressure (H<sub>2</sub>O-CO<sub>2</sub> in MIZ), temperature (Ti-in-zircon thermometer),  
80 composition (MIZ major and trace element), and time (<sup>230</sup>Th-<sup>238</sup>U ages) that provide a unique set  
81 of constraints on the understanding of the structure and evolution of silicic magmatic systems  
82 (e.g., Thomas et al. 2003). Using our data, we distinguish and evaluate the effect of post-  
83 entrapment modification versus primary magmatic processes on the MIZ composition through  
84 crystallization and diffusive exchange. We then use our data to examine the structure and storage  
85 conditions of magma reservoirs at LdM through time.

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## 87 **2. Geological setting**

88 The Laguna del Maule volcanic field is located in the Southern Volcanic Zone (SVZ) of  
89 central Chile, 30 km behind the active volcanic front (Fig. 1). The volcanism at LdM has been  
90 dominantly silicic and concentrated within the central lake basin since the most recent glacial  
91 retreat, which is estimated to have occurred locally at c. 23 to 19 ka based on <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar dates of  
92 unglaciated lava flows (Singer et al. 2000; Andersen et al. 2017). Both effusive and explosive  
93 eruptions at LdM yielded rhyolites that contain less than 10 vol.% phenocrysts of plagioclase,  
94 biotite, and magnetite ±quartz ±amphibole ±zircon. The 20 km<sup>3</sup> plinian Rhyolite of Laguna del  
95 Maule (rdm), thought to have erupted from a vent beneath the modern lake (Fierstein 2018), is

96 the earliest known post-glacial rhyolite. The subsequent rhyolite eruptions, each less than 3 km<sup>3</sup>  
97 in volume, occurred most frequently during an early post-glacial (EPG) period from 22.5 to 19 ka,  
98 and during the middle to late Holocene. Rhyodacite and andesite eruptions also occurred  
99 throughout post-glacial times, but comprise a smaller cumulative volume than the rhyolites and  
100 were concentrated in the western LdM basin, away from the locus of rhyolite volcanism. Based  
101 on these observed spatial relations, Hildreth et al. (2010) proposed that a massive silicic magma  
102 reservoir is present below LdM, obstructing the rise of mafic magma.

103 This hypothesis is increasingly supported by geological, geochronological, and geophysical  
104 studies, which suggest that the shallow magma system is still active at present with ongoing  
105 average inflation of ~20 cm/year since 2007 (up to 29 cm/year) (Feigl et al. 2014; Le Mevel et al.  
106 2015; Le Mevel et al. 2016; Andersen et al. 2017; Miller et al. 2017; Andersen et al. 2018; Cordell  
107 et al. 2018; Fierstein 2018; Singer et al. 2018; Wespestad et al. 2019; Le Mével et al. 2021). Both  
108 surface- and teleseismic-tomography have shown the presence of a crystal-rich reservoir with  
109 450 to 500 km<sup>3</sup> of partial melt at a depth of 2-12 km beneath the northwest portion of the lake  
110 at LdM (Wespestad et al. 2019; Bai et al. 2020). Magnetotelluric observation suggests the  
111 presence of a deeper partially molten reservoir that extends beyond 15 km depth (Cordell et al.  
112 2018; Cordell et al. 2019).

113 Plagioclase trace element compositions as well as plagioclase and quartz melt inclusions  
114 have provided constraints on magma extraction processes and magma storage conditions that  
115 have not been available from whole rock data (Andersen et al. 2018; Klug et al. 2020). Trace  
116 element diffusion modeling of LdM plagioclase suggests a short time scale (decades to centuries)  
117 between extraction of crystal-poor rhyolite from crystal mush and its eruption (Andersen et al.  
118 2018). Melt inclusions in plagioclase and quartz revealed shallowing storage depth with  
119 increasing degree of melt differentiation, with the latter being more evolved and recording lower  
120 H<sub>2</sub>O contents/shallower storage depth (Klug et al. 2020). Based on these observations, Klug et al.  
121 (2020) argued that crystal-poor rhyolite went through decompression-driven fractional  
122 crystallization as it ascended from ~14 km to ~4 km shortly before eruption (Klug et al. 2020).

123 Zircon petrochronology records up to 160 kyr of rhyolitic magma production in the crystal  
124 mush reservoir of the LdM (Andersen et al. 2019). The significant age difference between

125 plagioclase and quartz (decades to centuries) compared to zircon has been attributed to  
126 extraction of rhyolite from a crystal mush entraining smaller zircons preferentially over larger  
127 crystals of major phases (Claiborne et al. 2010; Stelten and Cooper 2012; Andersen et al. 2019).  
128 Based on the Ti-in-zircon thermometry as well as modeling of zircon crystallization rates,  
129 contemporaneous existence of hot zones and regions of cold storage within the mush reservoir  
130 has been hypothesized (Andersen et al. 2019).

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### 132 **3. Samples and Methods**

#### 133 **3.1 Samples**

134 The sample that is the main focus of this study is from the 20 km<sup>3</sup> plinian rdm unit (22.5  
135 to 19 ka) that comprises ash and pumice lapilli (up to 4 cm in diameter) from quickly cooled  
136 tephra within well-defined stratigraphic sections (Klug et al. 2020). We report data from an  
137 additional sample of the Los Espejos rhyolite (rle) unit, which erupted at  $19.0 \pm 0.4$  ka subsequent  
138 to rdm (Andersen et al. 2017).

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#### 140 **3.2 Mount preparation**

141 A ~2 kg pumice sample of the rdm unit was crushed and sieved into  $\geq 250$   $\mu\text{m}$  and  $< 250$   
142  $\mu\text{m}$  size fractions. Approximately 1000 zircon grains were separated from the  $< 250$   $\mu\text{m}$  fraction  
143 using conventional techniques including Wilfley-type shaking table, Frantz isodynamic magnetic  
144 separator, and heavy liquid separation. The zircon grains were then handpicked, cast in epoxy  
145 grain mounts, and polished. At least two grains each of UWZ-1 zircon (WiscSIMS, unpublished)  
146 and UWQ-1 quartz (Kelly et al. 2007) standards were also cast in the same mount. The relief  
147 between the grains and adjacent epoxy was minimized to  $< 1$   $\mu\text{m}$  and grains were placed in the  
148 central 80 mm radius region of the mount to ensure good spot-to-spot reproducibility (Kita et al.  
149 2009; Peres et al. 2013). In addition to the epoxy mount, we also studied a mount with LdM  
150 zircons that was prepared and analyzed by Andersen et al. (2019) who pressed the zircon grains  
151 into soft indium and analyzed euhedral crystal faces for trace elements and  $^{230}\text{Th}$ - $^{238}\text{U}$  isotope  
152 ratios. The indium mount was then polished to expose the crystal interiors which were also

153 analyzed for trace elements and  $^{230}\text{Th}$ - $^{238}\text{U}$  isotope ratios by Andersen et al. (2019). The MIZs  
154 exposed in these zircons were studied here, which are all from the rle unit.

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### 156 **3.3 Imaging of zircons/MIZs**

157 Zircons were imaged by reflected light, backscattered electrons (BSE), and  
158 cathodoluminescence (CL) using a Hitachi S-3400N Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) and  
159 Gatan Chroma CL system at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. For both the epoxy and indium  
160 mounts, we focused only on zircons that have MIZs. The crystal sizes range from 57 to 174  $\mu\text{m}$   
161 on the long axis and 26 to 88  $\mu\text{m}$  on the short axis with aspect ratios of 1 to 3.3 (Figs. 2 and S1).  
162 Zircon morphologies range from anhedral to euhedral and prismatic and are the crystals are clear  
163 and colorless. In CL, the zircons are characterized by sector and oscillatory zoning. Around some  
164 melt/mineral inclusions, the host zircon is characterized by undulating CL pattern and/or bright  
165 CL (Fig. S1).

166 All zircon grains were imaged by BSE to look for MIZs exposed at the grain surface. A  
167 potential issue to this approach is that some of the 3D context of the MIZ and host zircon is lost  
168 from the polishing process of exposing the MIZ. This limits certain characterization of the MIZs  
169 such as their volume and dimensions, their spatial distribution within the host zircon, as well as  
170 the potential presence of vapor bubbles and crystals (e.g., Sobolev and Kostyuk 1975; Roedder  
171 1984; Bodnar and Student 2006; Rose-Koga et al. 2021) in the MIZs that may have been polished  
172 away. Despite the loss of certain 3D context, it is highly unlikely that the MIZs were  
173 embayment/melt channel that were in contact with the surrounding melt based on the clearly  
174 distinct  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content and major element composition of the MIZs compared to those of the  
175 surrounding melt (i.e., matrix glass) (sections 4.2 and 4.3) indicating lack of communication  
176 between the MIZs and the surrounding melt.

177 Qualitative analyses of major elements of MIZs were done by an Oxford AZtecOne energy-  
178 dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) system with acceleration voltage and beam current of 15 kV  
179 and 1 nA, respectively. We carefully selected MIZs that are glassy and homogeneous. We also  
180 avoided MIZs that are visibly intersected by cracks in the host zircon. The nineteen MIZs identified  
181 in 17 rdm zircon grains range from 8 to 25  $\mu\text{m}$  on the long axis and 5 to 14  $\mu\text{m}$  on the short axis

182 with aspect ratios of 1.1 to 5.3 (Figs. 2 and S1). Six MIZs found in the rle zircons range from 5 to  
183 43  $\mu\text{m}$  on the long axis and 3 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$  on the short axis with aspect ratios of 1.1 to 8.7 (Figs. 2 and  
184 S1). On the exposed surface, all 25 MIZs are glassy and 20 are completely homogeneous while 5  
185 of them are mostly homogeneous except small microcrystals of titanomagnetite and pyroxene  
186 (not shown). Nineteen of the MIZs are circular to oval in shape, while six are elongated to  
187 irregularly shaped. Four out of 17 zircons have matrix glass adhered onto them.

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### 189 **3.4 EPMA of MIZs**

190 Chemical composition of the MIZs was measured with a CAMECA SXFive Field Emission  
191 Electron Probe Microanalyzer (FE-EPMA) at the Department of Geoscience at the University of  
192 Wisconsin–Madison. The epoxy mount was coated with a 20 nm carbon layer after being cleaned  
193 with distilled water and ethanol. Analyses were conducted with an accelerating voltage of 15 kV,  
194 a beam current of 1 nA, and a beam diameter of 2 or 3  $\mu\text{m}$ . The low beam current was selected  
195 to minimize beam induced element migration during the EPMA measurements. Major elements  
196 (Na, Al, Si, Mg, K, Ca) were measured for 200 s and quantified using Mean Atomic Number (MAN)  
197 background regression (Donovan et al. 2016). Oxygen and the remaining minor elements (P, Fe,  
198 Mn, Ti, Zr) were quantified using off-peak background regression and measured for 60 s on peak  
199 and 30 s on each high and low background position. An exponential background regression was  
200 used for analysis of O. Time-dependent intensity corrections were applied for Na, K, Si, and O.  
201 Analysis of hydrous haplogranite glass (6.6 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; Morgan and London 2005) was used to  
202 evaluate accuracy of the analytical routine. Many of the zircon MIZs had diameter  $< 5 \mu\text{m}$ . This  
203 resulted in secondary fluorescence of Zr from the surrounding zircon matrix. Monte-Carlo  
204 simulation of electron-specimen interactions using PENEPMA was used to constrain the extent  
205 of secondary fluorescence for various inclusion dimensions and beam diameters. Addition of Zr  
206 into the analysis routine was used to monitor the effects of secondary fluorescence on individual  
207 measurements; any measurements with  $>1 \text{ wt}\% \text{ZrO}_2$  were interpreted as affected by secondary  
208 fluorescence and discarded from consideration. For MIZ analyses with  $< 1 \text{ wt}\% \text{ZrO}_2$ , the  
209 compositions were corrected to be  $\text{ZrO}_2$ -free, assuming essentially all Zr signal was from host  
210 zircon.



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## 212 **3.5 SIMS**

### 213 **3.5.1 Zircon $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ; MIZ $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\text{H}_2\text{O}$**

214 Zircon oxygen isotope ratios as well as MIZ oxygen isotope ratios and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  contents were  
215 measured using the CAMECA IMS-1280 secondary ion mass spectrometer (SIMS) at the WiscSIMS  
216 laboratory at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. The zircon epoxy mount was gold-coated  
217 after being cleaned with distilled water and ethanol and kept in a vacuum oven at 60°C for 24  
218 hours. Zircon analyses were made following the methods described previously (Kita et al. 2009;  
219 Valley and Kita 2009; Wang et al. 2014), with a primary  $^{133}\text{Cs}^+$  ion beam was focused to 10  $\mu\text{m}$   
220 diameter with an intensity of 1.7 to 1.8 nA, to generate  $\sim 3 \times 10^9$  counts per second (cps) of  
221 secondary  $^{16}\text{O}^-$  ions. The multicollection (MC) Faraday cup (FC) detectors were used to  
222 simultaneously measure  $^{16}\text{O}^-$ ,  $^{18}\text{O}^-$ , and  $^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^-$  signals with feedback resistors of  $10^{10}$ ,  $10^{11}$ , and  
223  $10^{11} \Omega$ , respectively. Individual zircon analyses lasted approximately 3.5 min including sputtering  
224 of the gold coated surface (10 s), automatic centering of the secondary ion beam in the field  
225 aperture (60 s), and 40 cycles of 4 second integrations of oxygen ion measurements. Analysis pits  
226 were  $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$  deep. For the MIZ analysis, the primary  $\text{Cs}^+$  ion beam was focused to 3  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter  
227 with an intensity of 25 pA, to generate  $\sim 3.5 \times 10^7$  counts per second (cps) of secondary  $^{16}\text{O}^-$  ions.  
228 Each MIZ analyses lasted approximately 4 min including sputtering of the gold coated surface (30  
229 s), automatic centering of the secondary ion beam in the field aperture (60 s), and 20 cycles of 8  
230 second integrations of oxygen ion measurements. The  $^{16}\text{O}^-$  and  $^{18}\text{O}^-$ , and  $^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^-$  signals were  
231 measured simultaneously in two FCs ( $^{16}\text{O}^-$  and  $^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^-$ , both with feedback resistors of  $10^{11} \Omega$ ) and  
232 one electron-multiplier (EM) for  $^{18}\text{O}^-$  ( $\sim 7 \times 10^4$  cps). Hydride interferences at mass 18 were  
233 resolved at mass resolving power (MRP at 10% peak height) of 2,200, and MRP of 5,000 was used  
234 for mass 17 to resolve  $^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^-$  from  $^{17}\text{O}^-$ . A liquid  $\text{N}_2$  trap was used to maintain vacuum in the  
235 sample chamber  $\leq 5 \times 10^{-9}$  mbar to reduce hydrogen background. Four analyses of UWZ-1 zircon  
236 standard were made at the beginning of the session and after every 10 unknowns. The bracketing  
237 sets of eight analyses of UWZ-1 ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 4.98 \text{‰ VSMOW}$ ) were used to monitor instrumental bias  
238 for zircon standard and the spot-to-spot reproducibility for individual brackets, which ranged

239 between 0.17 and 0.21 ‰ (2SD) for the zircon analyses and 0.51 to 0.75 ‰ (2SD) for the MIZ  
240 analyses.

241 For H<sub>2</sub>O contents of MIZs, calibration was made between the measured <sup>16</sup>O<sup>1</sup>H<sup>-</sup>/<sup>16</sup>O<sup>-</sup> and  
242 H<sub>2</sub>O content using rhyolitic glasses standards with known H<sub>2</sub>O concentrations (Newman et al.  
243 1986; Singer et al. 2014b; Klug et al. 2020). The major element compositions of these rhyolitic  
244 glass standards encompass those observed in the MIZ (Fig. S2). For the February 2022 session,  
245 we obtained a linear regression line between <sup>16</sup>O<sup>1</sup>H<sup>-</sup>/<sup>16</sup>O<sup>-</sup> versus H<sub>2</sub>O wt.% (0.33 to 3.51 wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O  
246 rhyolitic glasses; Newman et al. (1986), Klug et al. (2020)) (Fig. S3a, Table S2). The majority of MIZ  
247 H<sub>2</sub>O contents obtained during this session were beyond the calibration range (> 3.5 wt.%). A  
248 subsequent session in June 2022 was conducted, in which we measured higher H<sub>2</sub>O content  
249 standards (0 to 6.09 wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O rhyolitic glasses; Singer et al. (2014b)). We obtained a polynomial  
250 regression line between <sup>16</sup>O<sup>1</sup>H<sup>-</sup>/<sup>16</sup>O<sup>-</sup> versus H<sub>2</sub>O wt.% (Fig. S3b, Tables S3). The H<sub>2</sub>O contents of a  
251 set of MIZs agree to within 10% on average between the February and June 2022 sessions (Fig.  
252 S3c). For both sessions, the background levels of <sup>16</sup>O<sup>1</sup>H<sup>-</sup>/<sup>16</sup>O<sup>-</sup> were determined by multiple  
253 analyses of the UWZ-1 zircon grains, which were subtracted from the <sup>16</sup>O<sup>1</sup>H<sup>-</sup>/<sup>16</sup>O<sup>-</sup> of the melt  
254 inclusion analyses before converting them to H<sub>2</sub>O wt.%. The background corrections were  
255 typically smaller than 10% of measured <sup>16</sup>O<sup>1</sup>H<sup>-</sup>/<sup>16</sup>O<sup>-</sup> values. To correct for MIZ δ<sup>18</sup>O instrumental  
256 mass fractionation, anhydrous glass standards with known δ<sup>18</sup>O (Jochum et al. 2006) were  
257 analyzed that have a range of SiO<sub>2</sub> from 51.4 to 75.6 wt.% (Tables S2 and S3). The δ<sup>18</sup>O bias was  
258 estimated relative to zircon (bias\*) as a function of the SiO<sub>2</sub> content of the glass standards. The  
259 δ<sup>18</sup>O of individual MIZs were corrected for the bias based on the bias estimated from bracketing  
260 zircon standard analyses and the relative bias (bias\*) of each MIZ that is calculated using the SiO<sub>2</sub>  
261 content (EPMA data). The effect of H<sub>2</sub>O on the MIZ δ<sup>18</sup>O instrumental mass fractionation was  
262 evaluated using some of the aforementioned hydrous rhyolitic glass standards that were  
263 previously analyzed for δ<sup>18</sup>O (Newman et al. 1988; Eiler et al. 2000). This showed that the  
264 instrumental biases of the hydrous glasses agree well with those of the anhydrous glasses such  
265 that the effect of H<sub>2</sub>O on the MIZ δ<sup>18</sup>O instrumental mass fractionation is minimal.

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### 267 **3.5.2 Zircon trace elements**

268 Zircons were analyzed for 26 trace elements (Al, P, Ca, Sc, Ti, Fe, Y, Nb, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm,  
269 Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, Hf, Ta, Th, U) using the CAMECA IMS-1280 secondary ion mass  
270 spectrometer (SIMS) at the WiscSIMS laboratory at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.  
271 Analyses used a  $^{16}\text{O}^-$  primary beam at a current of 5.4 nA and a total impact energy of 23 kV (–13  
272 kV at the ion source and +10 kV on the sample surface). Analytical pits were  $\sim 13\ \mu\text{m}$  in diameter.  
273 The mass spectrometer was operated at a nominal mass resolving power (MRP =  $M/\Delta M$ ) of  
274 14,000, which allows for separation of  $^{45}\text{Sc}^+$  and  $^{93}\text{Nb}^+$  from interferences with  $^{90}\text{Zr}^{++}$  and  $^{92}\text{ZrH}^+$ ,  
275 respectively (e.g., Grimes et al. 2015; Coble et al. 2018; Blum et al. 2023). No energy offset was  
276 applied because most molecular interferences, such as REE oxides on REE, were fully resolved.  
277 Each analysis included a 30 second pre-sputter, centering of the secondary beam within the field  
278 aperture, and five cycles of counting from low to high mass by magnetic peak-jumping on axial  
279 mono-collector (mostly EM except for major element Si and Zr peaks on FC). Normalized count  
280 rates (normalizing species  $^{28}\text{Si}$ ) are converted to trace element concentrations based on element  
281 specific relative sensitivity factors (RSFs). RSFs were determined for the primary reference  
282 material, NIST610 (Pearce et al. 1997) with correction factors based on multiple zircon reference  
283 materials to account for matrix mismatch between glass and zircon, similar to those in previous  
284 studies (Page et al. 2007; Bouvier et al. 2012; Kitajima et al. 2012). Zircon reference materials  
285 analyzed in this study are 91500 (Wiedenbeck et al. 2004; Coble et al. 2018), MAD-559 (Coble et  
286 al. 2018), and GZ7 (Nasdala et al. 2018). For elements (Al, Ca, Sc, and Fe) that do not have  
287 homogeneous or well characterized published values in the reference material suite, no  
288 correction factor is applied (Wiedenbeck et al. 2004; Coble et al. 2018). Additional analytical  
289 details will be published elsewhere.

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### 291 **3.5.3 Zircon $^{230}\text{Th}$ - $^{238}\text{U}$**

292 To prepare the zircon epoxy grain mount for SIMS U-Th analyses, the mount was cleaned  
293 with a 10% EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid) wash, thoroughly rinsed with DI water, then  
294 given a quick  $\sim 30\text{s}$  rinse in 1M HCl to remove surface contamination before being dried at  $50^\circ\text{C}$   
295 in a vacuum oven for 30 minutes. The sample surface was coated with  $\sim 10\text{-}20\ \text{nm}$  of gold for  
296 conductivity before being loaded in the instrument sample lock chamber.

297 Zircon U-Th analyses were conducted on the SHRIMP-RG (reverse geometry) ion  
298 microprobe in the co-operated Stanford and U. S. Geological Survey SUMAC facility at Stanford  
299 University. Analytical procedure and data reduction follows methods developed by Williams  
300 (1997) and Ireland and Williams (2003). An  $O_2^-$  primary beam with accelerating voltage of 10 kV  
301 was used to sputter secondary ions from the sample surface with a  $\sim 19$  nA primary beam current  
302 focused to  $\sim 42$   $\mu m$ . Prior to analysis, spots were presputtered for 60 seconds remove gold coating  
303 and surface contamination from the analysis area, and the primary and secondary beams were  
304 auto-tuned to maximize transmission. Seven masses were measured, including  $^{90}Zr_2^{16}O$ ,  $^{238}U^+$ ,  
305  $^{232}Th^{12}C^+$ ,  $^{230}Th^{16}O^+$ , background measured 0.050 AMU above the  $^{230}Th^{16}O^+$  peak,  $^{232}Th^{16}O^+$ , and  
306  $^{238}U^{16}O^+$ . An energy slit set to 1 mm width was employed to reduce interferences. Data were  
307 collected over 8 scans per spot, for a total run time of 33 minutes, collected by magnet peak-  
308 jumping on an EPT discrete-dynode electron multiplier. Mass resolution ( $M/\Delta M$ ) was set to  
309  $\sim 8000$  for all masses, sufficient to resolve any interfering molecular species.

310 Zircon U concentration data were standardized against the well-characterized MAD-559  
311 (3940 ppm U; Coble et al. 2018) and MAD-1 zircon standards (Barth and Wooden 2010) measured  
312 from a separate mount that was co-loaded in the analysis chamber.  $(^{238}U)/(^{232}Th)$  and  
313  $(^{230}Th)/(^{232}Th)$  ratios were calculated using  $\lambda_{238} = 1.55125 \times 10^{-7} \text{ ka}^{-1}$  (Jaffey et al. 1971),  $\lambda_{232} =$   
314  $4.9475 \times 10^{-8} \text{ ka}^{-1}$  (Steiger and Jäger 1977),  $\lambda_{230} = 0.0091705 \text{ ka}^{-1}$  (Cheng et al. 2013). The  
315  $(^{238}U)/(^{232}Th)$  was also corrected for instrument mass fractionation using early-erupted Bishop  
316 Tuff ( $767.1 \pm 0.9 \text{ ka}$ , Crowley et al. 2007), which is relatively high-U (1000-4000 ppm) and old  
317 enough that the U-Th is in secular equilibrium. For analyses measured in this session  $(^{230}Th)/(^{238}U)$   
318  $= 0.8461 \pm 0.0069$  ( $1\sigma$ ,  $n = 9$ , MSWD = 2.2), which is the RSF that was applied to the unknowns.  
319 Data was reduced using the Microsoft Excel add-in programs Squid2.51 and Isoplot3.764 of Ken  
320 Ludwig (Ludwig 2001; 2003).

321

## 322 **4. Results**

### 323 **4.1 $^{230}Th$ - $^{238}U$ ages of the LdM zircons**

324 We determined the  $^{230}Th$ - $^{238}U$  ages of 11 rdm zircons, ranging from 18.7 ka to secular  
325 equilibrium ( $>350 \text{ ka}$ ) (Fig. 3). Out of the 11 rdm zircon grains that were dated, four of them

326 (hereafter referred to as younger rdm zircons) have non-secular equilibrium ages that range from  
327 18.7 to 47.0 ka, falling within the  $^{230}\text{Th}$ - $^{238}\text{U}$  ages (18.1 to 78.8 ka) previously determined for the  
328 zircons from the same unit (Andersen et al. 2019). The youngest zircon age is  $18.7^{+5.0}_{-4.7}$  (1SD) ka,  
329 which agrees well with the eruption age of the rdm unit (19-23 ka based on field relationships).  
330 The remaining seven rdm zircon grains are in secular equilibrium indicating unresolvable ages  
331 that are >350 ka (hereafter older rdm zircons). The six rdm zircon grains that could not be dated  
332 (hereafter no age (NA) rdm zircons) either due to the size or SHRIMP beam overlapping epoxy  
333 are not included in further discussion given the difficulty in putting them in context of other data  
334 without their  $^{230}\text{Th}$ - $^{238}\text{U}$  ages. For the rle zircons, the previously determined  $^{230}\text{Th}$ - $^{238}\text{U}$  ages range  
335 from 14.9 to 80.8 ka, and those with MIZs found in this study are 19.7 to 48.3 ka (Andersen et al.  
336 2019). No MIZ was found in the rle zircon that is in secular equilibrium.

337

#### 338 **4.2 Major elements**

339 The major element composition of the younger rdm MIZs are all rhyolitic (75.1 to 76.6  
340 wt.%) and relatively homogeneous (Fig. 4). Their composition agrees well with the tight array  
341 defined by the whole rock data of the post-glacial silicic units (Hildreth et al. 2010; Andersen et  
342 al. 2017). Their composition is less evolved compared to the rdm whole rock data (Hildreth et al.  
343 2010; Andersen et al. 2017) and the rdm matrix glasses (Contreras et al. 2022) (Fig. S4). The  
344 younger rdm MIZs agree well with the most evolved side of the compositional range defined by  
345 the rdm plagioclase melt inclusions, which show significant range in  $\text{SiO}_2$  (71 to 76 wt.%).  
346 However, the younger rdm MIZs are less evolved compared to the rdm quartz melt inclusions  
347 (Klug et al. 2020).

348 In contrast to the younger rdm MIZs, the major element composition of older rdm MIZs  
349 are rhyodacitic to rhyolitic, significantly more heterogeneous, and for the most part do not agree  
350 well with those of the rdm whole rock/melt inclusions nor with those of the post-glacial silicic  
351 units (Andersen et al. 2017) (Fig. 4). The post-glacial whole rock data form a tight array of  
352 chemical data, while the whole rock composition of older units (> 25 ka) is more scattered (Fig.  
353 S5). Some of the older rdm MIZs agree with the composition of these older units (Hildreth et al.  
354 2010). However, many of the older rdm MIZs are anomalous (e.g., those with high  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  of > 6

355 wt.%) even compared to the whole rock composition of the older eruption units. While there  
356 may be a tendency for CL pattern of zircons surrounding older rdm MIZs to have more complex  
357 patterns (Fig. S1), clear correlation between MIZ composition and surrounding zircon CL pattern  
358 were not observed.

359         Similar to the younger rdm MIZs, the major element composition of the rle MIZs agree  
360 well with the trend defined by the whole rock data of the post-glacial silicic units (Andersen et al.  
361 2017) (Fig. 4). The three less evolved rle MIZs are compositionally similar to the rle whole rock  
362 data (Hildreth et al. 2010; Andersen et al. 2017) and rle matrix glasses (Contreras et al. 2022),  
363 while the other 3 rle MIZs are more evolved ( $\text{SiO}_2 = 77$  to  $78$  wt.%) (Fig. S6). The more evolved rle  
364 MIZs are compositionally similar to the rle plagioclase melt inclusions, most of which are similarly  
365 evolved ( $\text{SiO}_2 = 76$  to  $78$  wt.% for 11 out of 12 plagioclase melt inclusions) (Klug et al. 2020).

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#### 367 **4.3 H<sub>2</sub>O contents**

368         The H<sub>2</sub>O contents of the younger rdm MIZs span 4.1 to 5.7 wt.%, and they agree well with  
369 those of the rdm plagioclase melt inclusions (Klug et al. 2020) (Fig. 5). In contrast, the H<sub>2</sub>O  
370 contents of older rdm MIZs are significantly scattered (2.1 to 6.6 wt.%) compared to the range  
371 observed in the rdm plagioclase melt inclusions, reaching similarly low H<sub>2</sub>O contents as some  
372 quartz melt inclusions (Klug et al. 2020) (Fig. 5). A measurement of the matrix glass adhered onto  
373 an NA rdm zircon (zircon f4) yielded a distinctly lower H<sub>2</sub>O content of 0.05 wt.% in comparison to  
374 MIZs. The H<sub>2</sub>O contents of the rle MIZs (4.3 to 6.2 wt.%) are comparable to the younger rdm MIZs,  
375 although extending to slightly higher H<sub>2</sub>O contents. These H<sub>2</sub>O contents are comparable with  
376 those in the rle plagioclase melt inclusions (5.4 to 5.8 wt.%) (Klug et al. 2020).

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#### 378 **4.4 Oxygen isotopic ratios**

379         Oxygen isotope ratios of the rdm zircons are homogeneous regardless of age (i.e.,  
380 younger or older rdm) ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 5.76 \pm 0.32$  ‰, 2SD) (Fig. 6a). The  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values of younger rdm MIZs  
381 are also homogeneous ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 8.22 \pm 0.80$  ‰, 2SD), while that of older rdm MIZs is highly variable  
382 ( $\delta^{18}\text{O} = 4.1$  to  $8.9$  ‰) (Fig. 6a). The oxygen isotopic fractionation between the glass in younger  
383 rdm MIZ and host-zircon is relatively constant ( $\Delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{MIZ-Zrn}} = 2.59 \pm 1.01$  ‰, 2SD) (Fig. 6b), and

384 within uncertainty with the equilibrium zircon-melt oxygen isotopic fractionation factor (Lackey  
385 et al. 2008). The equilibrium fractionation between zircon and melt is nearly constant at  
386 magmatic temperatures (Lackey et al. 2008; Grimes et al. 2011; Bucholz et al. 2017). In contrast,  
387 oxygen isotopic fractionation between the older rdm MIZ and host-zircon is highly variable  
388 ( $\Delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{MIZ-Zrn}} = -1.52$  to  $3.22$  ‰) (Fig. 6b), and some do not preserve equilibrated values from  
389 magmatic conditions. The oxygen isotopic composition of the rle MIZs/zircons were not  
390 determined, due to the lack of suitable oxygen isotope standard grain in the indium mount.

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#### 392 **4.5 Ti-in-zircon thermometry and RhyoliteMELTS**

393 Ti-in-zircon temperatures were calculated using the calibration of Ferry and Watson  
394 (2007), which requires the  $\text{TiO}_2$  activity ( $a_{\text{TiO}_2}$ ),  $\text{SiO}_2$  activity ( $a_{\text{SiO}_2}$ ) and pressure. Following the  
395 previous study on LdM zircons of Andersen et al. (2019), we first used the  $a_{\text{TiO}_2}$  of 0.72 obtained  
396 based on magnetite-ilmenite equilibrium (Ghiorso and Evans 2008) and an  $a_{\text{SiO}_2}$  of 1 based on the  
397 presence of quartz in the LdM rhyolites (Andersen et al. 2017). The effect of pressure was not  
398 taken into account, but such effect is relatively small ( $\sim 50^\circ\text{C}/10$  kbar). Ti-in-zircon temperatures  
399 calculated based on these  $a_{\text{TiO}_2}$  and  $a_{\text{SiO}_2}$  values along with the measured Ti content in zircons  
400 span 708 to  $839^\circ\text{C}$  (younger rdm = 708 to  $792^\circ\text{C}$ , older rdm = 722 to  $839^\circ\text{C}$ , rle = 724 to  $796^\circ\text{C}$ ).  
401 These are comparable to the Ti-in-zircon temperatures previously determined for LdM zircons  
402 (Andersen et al. 2019) as well as the temperature range of LdM rhyolites estimated based on the  
403 Fe-Ti oxide thermometer (Andersen et al. 2017).

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#### 405 **4.6 Zircon trace elements**

406 The trace element composition (e.g., U, Hf, Ti, REE contents) of the younger rdm zircons  
407 agree well with those that were previously observed for rdm zircons (Andersen et al. 2019) (Fig.  
408 7). While it is somewhat unexpected given the anomalous major element composition of older  
409 rdm MIZs (Fig. 4), the trace element composition of older rdm zircons compares well with other  
410 rdm zircons (Fig. 7a). The Ti content of younger rdm zircons range from 5 to 12 ppm, and  
411 correlates negatively with their Hf content that ranges from 8,500–10,700 ppm (Fig. S7). The U  
412 content of the younger rdm zircons range from 353 to 1,688 ppm, which tends to correlate with

413 the bright and dark CL regions, respectively. The trace element composition of the rle zircons  
414 with MIZs ( $U_{Zrn} = 266\text{--}557$  ppm,  $Ti_{Zrn} = 6\text{--}12$  ppm,  $Hf_{Zrn} = 8,100\text{--}10,700$  ppm) are representative  
415 of those of the larger rle zircon data set, except for the most U-rich and -depleted zircons  
416 (Andersen et al. 2019). The melt in equilibrium with the zircons calculated using the zircon-melt  
417 REE partition coefficients (Sano et al. 2002) are consistent with the whole rock data for the LdM  
418 post-glacial units (Andersen et al. 2017) (Fig. S8).

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## 420 **5. Discussion**

### 421 **5.1 Post-entrapment modification of MIZs**

422 Subsequent to entrapment in the host crystal, melt inclusions can be modified by  
423 processes such as devitrification, crystallization of new zircon, cracking of host zircon and  
424 diffusive exchange with the surrounding melt (e.g., Danyushevsky et al. 2002). However, multiple  
425 lines of evidence suggests that post-emplacment processes have had minimal effects on many  
426 of the MIZs from rdm and rle units, and that many of the MIZs retain major element, oxygen  
427 isotopic composition, and water contents of the entrapped magmas. Post-entrapment  
428 crystallization (PEC) (e.g., Kress and Ghiorso 2004) of zircon during cooling is minimal for MIZs  
429 given the small concentration of Zr in the melt. For example, LdM whole rocks have a maximum  
430 Zr content of 265 ppm (Hildreth et al. 2010), which limits the maximum amount of PEC of zircon  
431 to  $< 0.05$  wt.% in a MIZ, assuming Zr content of 500,000 ppm in zircon and that all Zr in the melt  
432 is converted to zircon. The effect of PEC of other minerals on the composition of the MIZs in this  
433 study is difficult to constrain as we did not conduct heating experiments. However, the younger  
434 rdm as well as the rle MIZs in this study have minimal to no textural evidence by SEM of PEC  
435 phases given their homogeneous nature (Figs. 2 and S1). Further, the agreement between the  
436 major element composition of younger rdm and rle MIZs ( $^{230}\text{Th}\text{--}^{238}\text{U}$  age of host zircon  $< 60$  ka)  
437 to those of whole rock data of the post-glacial silicic units (Andersen et al. 2017), as well as those  
438 of plagioclase and quartz melt inclusions from the same unit (Klug et al. 2020), suggests that PEC  
439 did not have a substantial effect on the younger rdm and rle MIZ compositions (Fig. 4). In contrast,  
440 the major element composition of most older rdm MIZs ( $^{230}\text{Th}\text{--}^{238}\text{U}$  age of host zircon in secular  
441 equilibrium) significantly deviate from those of whole rock, and plagioclase and quartz melt



442 inclusions, which could be due to the effect of PEC. Nevertheless, the most notable difference in  
443 major element composition between younger rdm and older rdm MIZs would require a  
444 substantial amount of PEC (e.g., K<sub>2</sub>O of 4.4 wt.% in younger rdm MIZ vs. 6.5 wt.% in some older  
445 rdm MIZs require ~33 wt.% crystallization of quartz) if the original melts were of the same  
446 composition. The lack of substantial PEC minerals in SEM images of the older rdm MIZs does not  
447 support such large amount of PEC (Figs. 2 and S1). Together with the old age (>350 ka) of the  
448 older rdm MIZs, a more likely explanation is that they formed from a parental melt that formed  
449 under magmatic conditions unrelated to those that produced the younger rdm and rle MIZs and  
450 other LdM units.

451 Melt inclusions can record the pre-eruptive volatile contents of magmas. However, after  
452 entrapment, volatiles can sometimes diffuse into or out of melt inclusions through the host  
453 mineral (e.g., Qin et al. 1992). There are so far no experimental measurements of H diffusion  
454 coefficient in zircon under conditions relevant to the LdM zircons (e.g., *f*O<sub>2</sub> conditions). In the  
455 LdM MIZs, we observe a negative correlation between the degree of differentiation (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and  
456 H<sub>2</sub>O contents of MIZs (Fig. 5) that is consistent with those observed in plagioclase and quartz melt  
457 inclusions. This negative correlation has been interpreted to suggest decompression-driven  
458 fractional crystallization and H<sub>2</sub>O degassing as the rdm magma ascended from deeper to  
459 shallower portion of the LdM reservoir (Klug et al. 2020). The preservation of such negative  
460 correlation in the rdm MIZs strongly suggests the retention of MIZ H<sub>2</sub>O contents since the time  
461 of entrapment, as diffusive exchange would decouple H<sub>2</sub>O from SiO<sub>2</sub> in the MIZs. Some older rdm  
462 MIZs (>350 ka) are characterized by low H<sub>2</sub>O contents for a given SiO<sub>2</sub> (Fig. 5), and may indicate  
463 instances of H<sub>2</sub>O leakage from these MIZs. With these exceptions aside, we infer that the negative  
464 correlation between SiO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O contents to indicate that the MIZs in this study were not  
465 significantly impacted from diffusive equilibration of H through the host zircon since the time of  
466 entrapment.

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## 468 **5.2 Identification of xenocrystic rdm zircons/MIZs (older rdm)**

469 The older rdm zircons that are in secular equilibrium (>350 ka) host MIZs that are  
470 anomalous in composition (Fig. 4). Their compositions do not agree with those of the rdm unit

471 nor other whole rock data of the post-glacial silicic units and older units (Hildreth et al. 2010;  
472 Andersen et al. 2017). The older rdm MIZs are generally low in FeO and MgO and also show  
473 significantly more variable CaO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, as well as H<sub>2</sub>O contents for a given SiO<sub>2</sub> content compared  
474 to the younger rdm and rle MIZs and LdM whole rock data (Figs. 4 and 5). Three older rdm MIZs  
475 have significantly higher K<sub>2</sub>O content than younger rdm and rle MIZs as well as LdM whole rock  
476 (Fig. 4). These high K<sub>2</sub>O older rdm MIZs have anomalously low  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values that are not in isotopic  
477 equilibrium with the host zircon (Fig. 6b). While the distinct major element composition could in  
478 part be due to post-entrapment crystallization of certain phases, high K<sub>2</sub>O contents and  
479 anomalously low  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  observed in some MIZs are difficult to explain by such process. Taken  
480 together with their secular equilibrium ages (>350 ka), we hypothesize that older rdm  
481 zircons/MIZs are xenocrystic in origin and that the MIZs record older exotic melt compositions  
482 that formed under magmatic conditions unrelated to those that produced the rdm and rle  
483 eruptions. The highly variable H<sub>2</sub>O content of older rdm MIZs also supports this hypothesis. Our  
484 observation shows the importance of age dating the host zircon in order to avoid xenocrystic  
485 zircons that may host MIZs with chemical composition that is irrelevant to the magmatic system  
486 of interest. In terms of the origin of the older rdm zircons, they may have originated from deeper  
487 granites that are represented by crustal xenoliths found in the pyroclastic flow facies of the rdm  
488 unit. These are exceptionally large (up to ~1 m) crustal debris with heterogeneous lithologies that  
489 could be Pliocene-Miocene plutonic rocks that housed the magmatic precursor to the more  
490 recent LdM system, analogous to those observed in the Risco Bayo-Huemul plutonic complex 20  
491 km west of the LdM system (Schaen et al. 2018; Schaen et al. 2021). The other post-glacial units  
492 including the rle do not contain such granitoid xenoliths. The rdm unit is exceptional in this regard,  
493 which explains the uniquely high abundance of secular equilibrium age zircons in the rdm units  
494 compared to other units including the rle unit.

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### 496 **5.3 Major element composition and H<sub>2</sub>O contents of the younger rdm and rle MIZs:** 497 **Implications for the LdM magmatic system**

498 In contrast to the older rdm zircons and MIZs, the geochemical data of the younger rdm  
499 zircons and MIZs are consistent with their formation from the active magmatic system that

500 underlies the LdM. The  $^{230}\text{Th}$ - $^{238}\text{U}$  ages of  $18.7^{+5.0}_{-4.7}$  to  $47.0^{+4.0}_{-3.9}$  (1SD) ka for the younger rdm  
501 zircons agrees with the previously determined  $^{230}\text{Th}$ - $^{238}\text{U}$  ages (18.1 to 78.8 ka) of the rdm unit  
502 zircons (Andersen et al. 2019). All younger rdm MIZs are in oxygen isotopic equilibrium with their  
503 host zircon (Fig. 6b). The major element compositions of younger rdm MIZs are akin to those of  
504 the whole rock data for the rdm unit as well as other post-glacial LdM units (Hildreth et al. 2010;  
505 Andersen et al. 2017), matrix glasses (Contreras et al. 2022), and plagioclase/quartz melt  
506 inclusions (Klug et al. 2020) (Figs. 4 and S4). The  $\text{SiO}_2$  contents of these younger rdm MIZs are  
507 consistent with the predicted  $\text{SiO}_2$  content (>70 wt.%) above which the LdM whole rocks become  
508 zircon saturated based on their Zr content and zircon saturation models of Watson and Harrison  
509 (1983) and Boehnke et al. (2013) (Andersen et al. 2017). In addition, the trace element  
510 concentrations (e.g., REE, U, Hf, Ti contents, Eu/Gd) of younger rdm zircons are also within those  
511 that were previously observed for rdm zircons (Andersen et al. 2019) (Fig. 7). Following the same  
512 reasoning, rle zircon trace element composition and  $^{230}\text{Th}$ - $^{238}\text{U}$  ages (Andersen et al. 2019) (Fig.  
513 7) and the rle MIZ composition (Figs. 4 and S6) supports the notion of their formation from the  
514 magmatic system that underlies the LdM. Hence, the younger rdm and rle zircons in this study  
515 formed from melts in a growing crystal mush over a significant part of its 60 kyr history (based  
516 on the oldest zircon ages of Andersen et al. (2019)), and the MIZs hosted in these zircons record  
517 the compositions and storage depths of the zircon-saturated regions within the crystal mush melt  
518 over time. In order to correlate the  $^{238}\text{U}$ - $^{230}\text{Th}$  age from the host zircon with the MIZ composition,  
519 uncertainties associated with the placement of the age spots relative to the location of the MIZs  
520 within the host zircon were considered. We used the CL images of the host zircon (Fig. S1-1) to  
521 determine if an age spot can be considered to date the (1) age of the MIZ entrapment (when the  
522 age spot is directly in the same CL domain as the MIZ), or should rather be considered to date  
523 the (2) minimum or (3) maximum age of the MIZ entrapment (depending on whether the age  
524 spot is in a CL domain that is further away from (i.e., min. age) or closer to (i.e., max. age) the  
525 zircon core than the MIZ (refer to the caption of Fig. 8 for details)).

526 The younger rdm and rle MIZ compositions record relatively homogeneous crystal mush  
527 melt composition during its buildup (Fig. 8) that is consistent with the post-glacial silicic whole  
528 rock data (Fig. 4). However, there are compositional differences between the younger rdm and

529 rle MIZs. The younger rdm MIZs are on average less differentiated (e.g., lower SiO<sub>2</sub>, higher Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
530 and MgO) than the rle MIZs (Fig. 8), and this difference is observed from at least ~30 kyr before  
531 eruption until close to the eruption ages of both units (19 to 23 ka) (Fig. 8). Less evolved rdm MIZ  
532 compared to rle MIZ is consistent with the hypothesis that the rdm crystal mush was better  
533 connected to the deeper mid-crustal plumbing system than the rle crystal mush, as proposed by  
534 Klug et al. (2020) based on the less evolved rdm plagioclase melt inclusion with deeper  
535 entrapment depths as compared to those of rle. While the plagioclase melt inclusions were  
536 entrapped only decades to centuries before eruption (Andersen et al. 2018), MIZs record a  
537 persistent difference between rdm and rle going back to ~30 kyr before eruption, suggesting the  
538 long-term connection of the rdm crystal mush to deeper depths (higher T and lesser degree of  
539 plagioclase/zircon fractionation) than that of the rle.

540         The storage depths of younger rdm MIZs are 1.1 to 2.8 kbars or 4.0 to 10.5 km (Fig. 9),  
541 based on their H<sub>2</sub>O contents, assumed range of CO<sub>2</sub> content of 0 to 570 ppm (based on the  
542 plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions from the rdm unit), and the MagmaSat model of Ghiorso and  
543 Gualda (2015) implemented in the VesiCal v1.01 software (Iacovino et al. 2021). There is no clear  
544 correlation between the storage depth and the MIZ entrapment age (Fig. 9). The storage depth  
545 is consistent with those of the silicic plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions from the rdm unit (Klug  
546 et al. 2020) that formed decades to centuries before the eruption of the rdm unit based on the  
547 disequilibrium trace element profiles (Andersen et al. 2018). Similar to the rdm MIZs, the rle MIZs  
548 record storage depths of 1.4 to 2.8 kbars or 5.3 to 10.4 km (assuming MIZ CO<sub>2</sub> of 25 to 344 ppm  
549 based on the plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions from the rle unit) that matches well with those  
550 recorded by the rle plagioclase melt inclusions (Klug et al. 2020). The storage depth of rle MIZs  
551 appears to decrease through time (Fig. 9), but the significance of this trend is unclear given the  
552 small number of MIZs. The agreement between the storage depths of MIZs and those of  
553 plagioclase-hosted melt inclusions suggests that the storage depths of evolved melts that are  
554 zircon- (+plagioclase- ± quartz-) saturated were relatively constant from the time of MIZ  
555 entrapment (younger rdm and rle zircon formation ages of 18.7 to 47.0 ka and 19.7 to 55.8 ka,  
556 respectively) until the time of rdm and rle eruption (plagioclase age of decades to centuries  
557 before eruption at 19 to 23 ka for rdm and 19 ± 0.4 ka for rle). The storage depth of 1.1 to 2.8

558 kbars recorded by younger rdm and rle MIZs are consistent with the optimal emplacement  
559 window ( $2.0 \pm 0.5$  kbar) of silicic magma reservoir growth, storage, and eruptibility based on the  
560 thermomechanical model of Huber et al. (2019).

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## 562 **5. Conclusion**

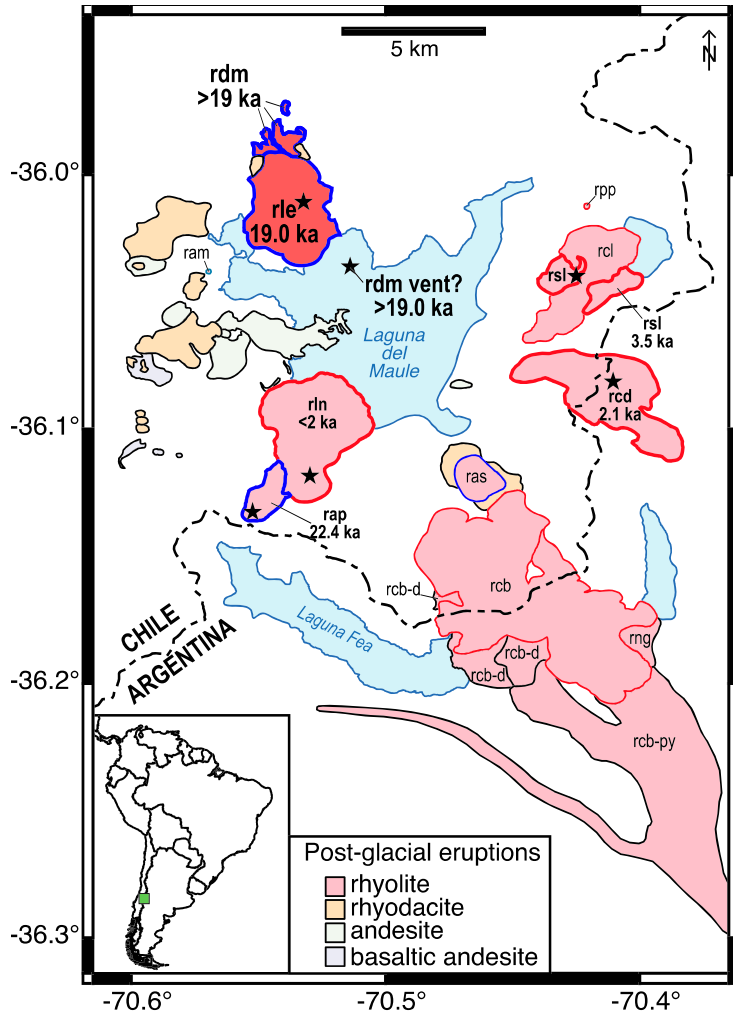
563 The study of MIZs from the Laguna del Maule volcanic field provides unique insights into  
564 the structure and evolution of silicic magmatic systems. MIZs extends the record of magma  
565 compositions back to  $\sim 30$  kyr before the eruption, providing important constraints on the age,  
566 storage depth, temperature, and composition of magmas. We observe a long-term difference in  
567 zircon-saturated melt composition between the rdm and rle eruption units, with the rdm MIZs  
568 indicating a less evolved crystal mush than that of the rle. These findings suggest that since  
569  $\sim 30$  kyr before eruption, the rdm crystal mush was better connected to a deeper and more  
570 primitive magma body than the rle crystal mush. The correlation between  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  contents  
571 observed in the MIZs suggests that the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  content of the MIZs are not significantly affected by  
572 diffusion of H through the host zircon. The rdm and rle MIZs storage depths of 1.1 to 2.8 kbars  
573 recorded by their  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  contents are consistent with the optimal emplacement window ( $2.0 \pm 0.5$   
574 kbar) of silicic magma reservoir growth, storage, and eruptibility based on thermomechanical  
575 model of Huber et al. (2019).

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585 **7. Figures**

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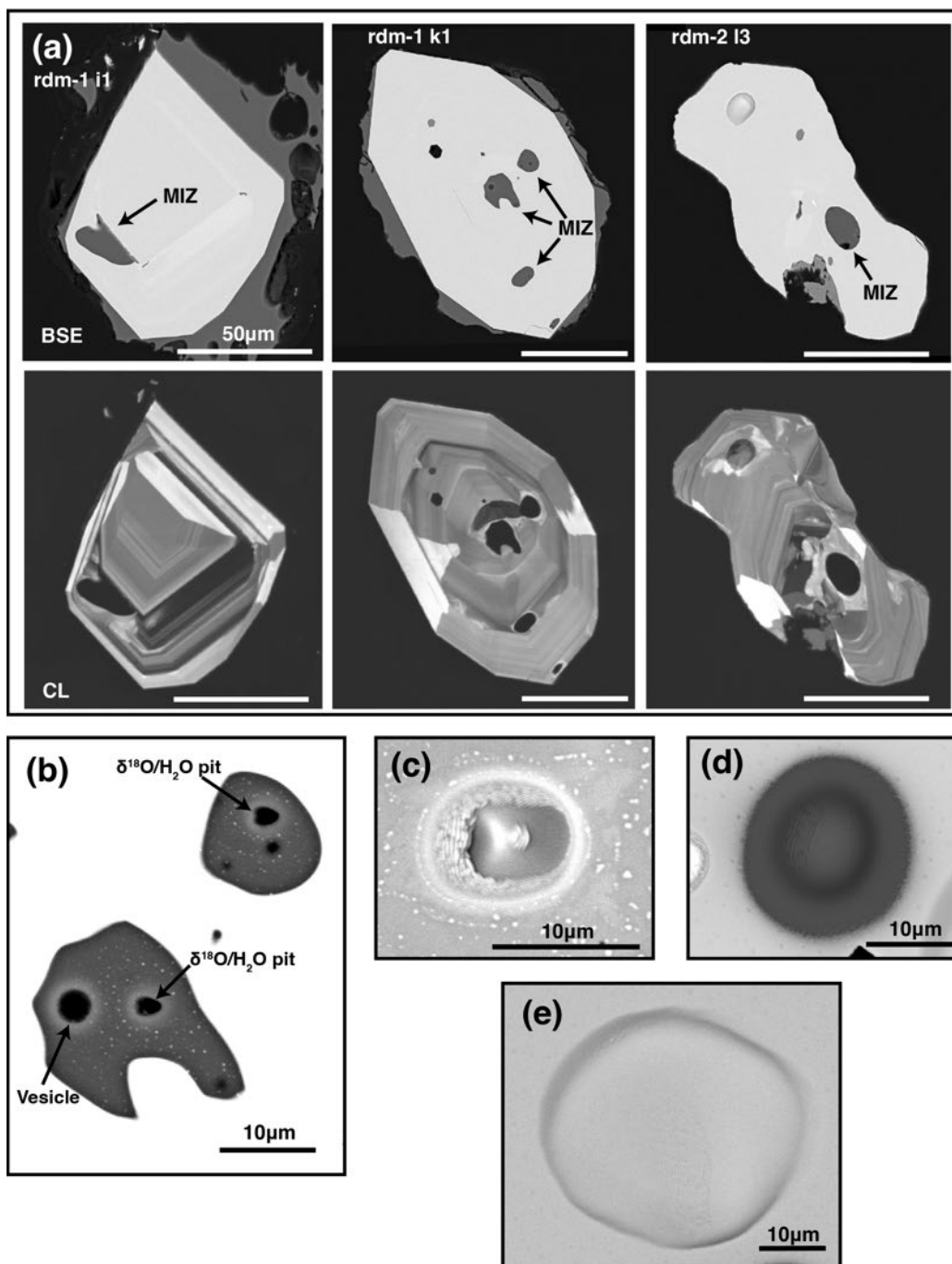
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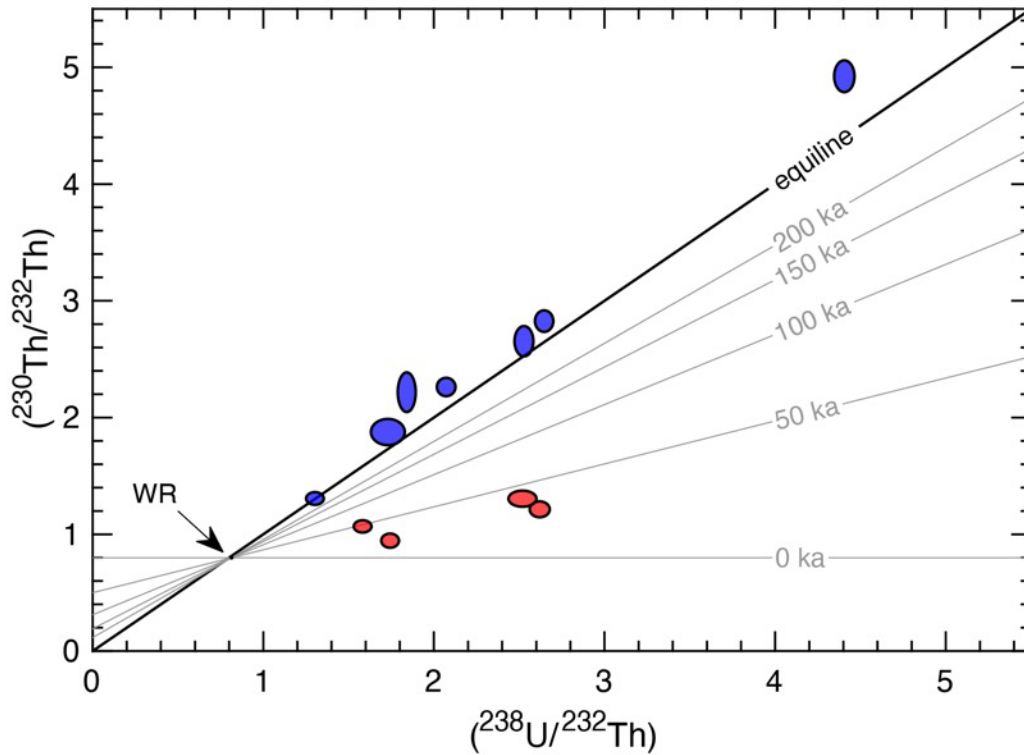
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Figure 1. Simplified map of the Laguna del Maule lake basin and the distribution of post-glacial eruptive units and vents (black stars). Lava flows and pyroclastic flows/falls that erupted in the early post-glacial period (22.5–19 ka) are outlined in blue, while those that erupted in the Holocene (8.0–1.8 ka) are outlined in red. Those that erupted in the interim are outlined in black. Eruptive units for which MIZ data were obtained (rdm and rle units in the northwest) are highlighted with darker red fill. Map is modified from Hildreth et al. (2010) and Andersen et al. (2019). The green square in the inset shows the location of Laguna del Maule in the southern Andes.

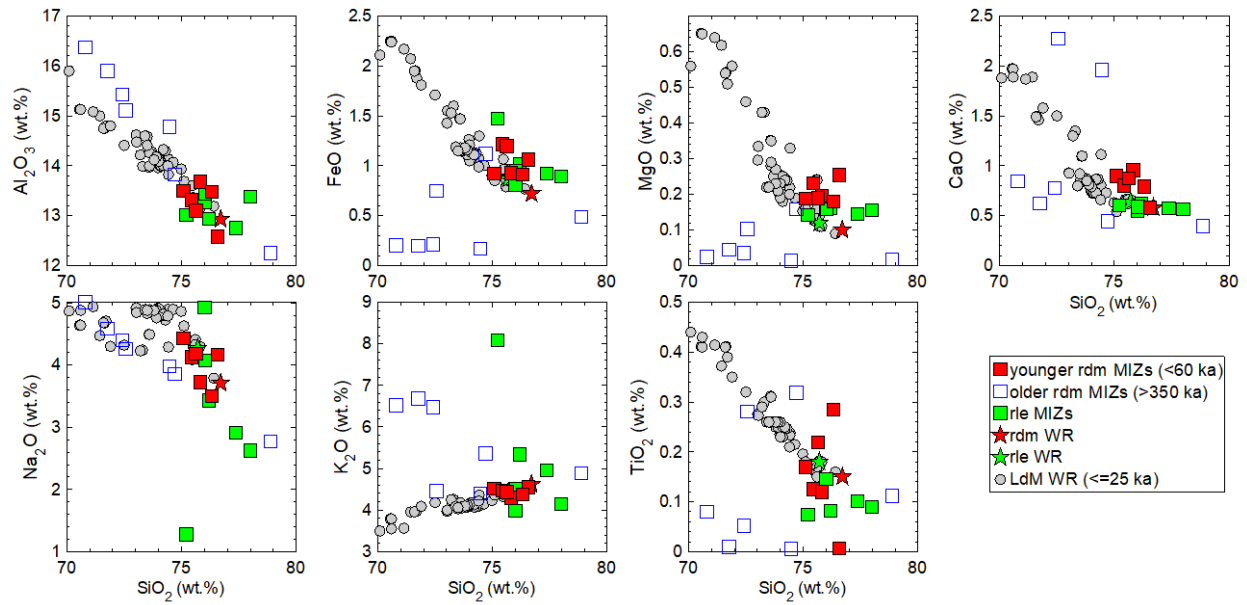


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 598 image of SIMS pits and Cs spatter from the analyses of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  of the MIZ ( $\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$  diam.). (c)  
 599 and (d) BSE images of SIMS pits from the analyses of  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  ( $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$  diam.) and trace element ( $\sim 13$   
 600  $\mu\text{m}$  diam.) of the zircons, respectively. (e) BSE image of a SHRIMP pit from the  $^{238}\text{U}$ – $^{230}\text{Th}$  age  
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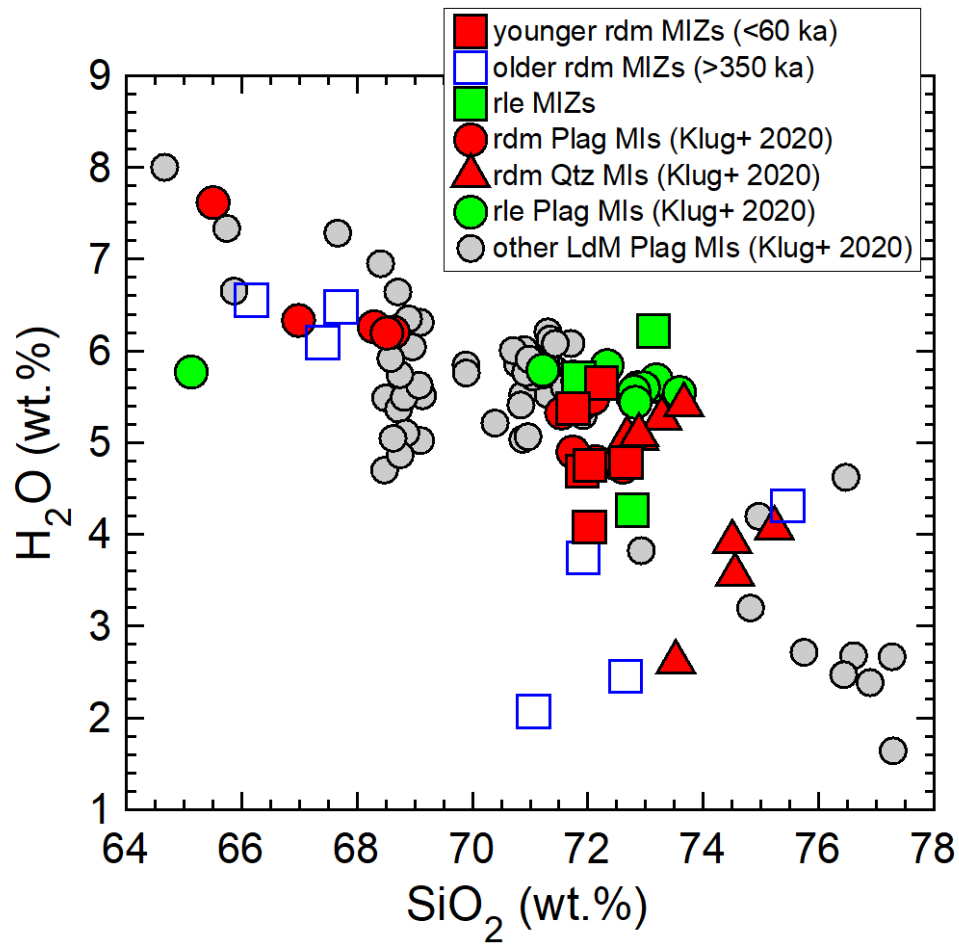




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 606 ellipses are analyses on the younger rdm zircons (non-secular equilibrium ages), while the blue  
 607 ellipses are analyses of older rdm zircons (secular equilibrium ages). The small black dot  
 608 represents the whole rock composition used to calculating the model ages (average of post-  
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 610 equiline, while the gray lines represent isochrons of ages from 0 to 200 ka. Some older rdm  
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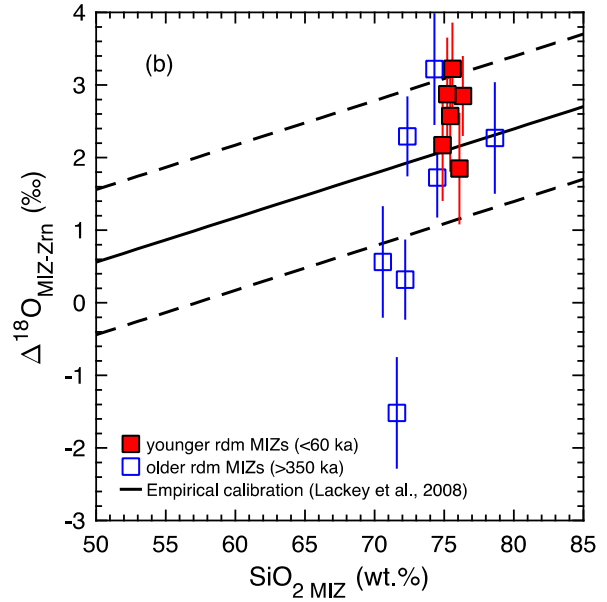
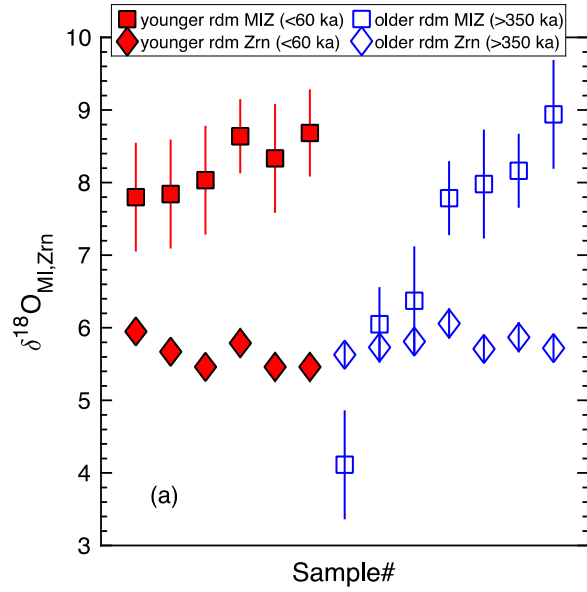
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 618 matrix glass, and melt inclusions in plagioclase and quartz, and the whole rock composition of  
 619 older units ( $> 25$  ka) are not shown for clarity.



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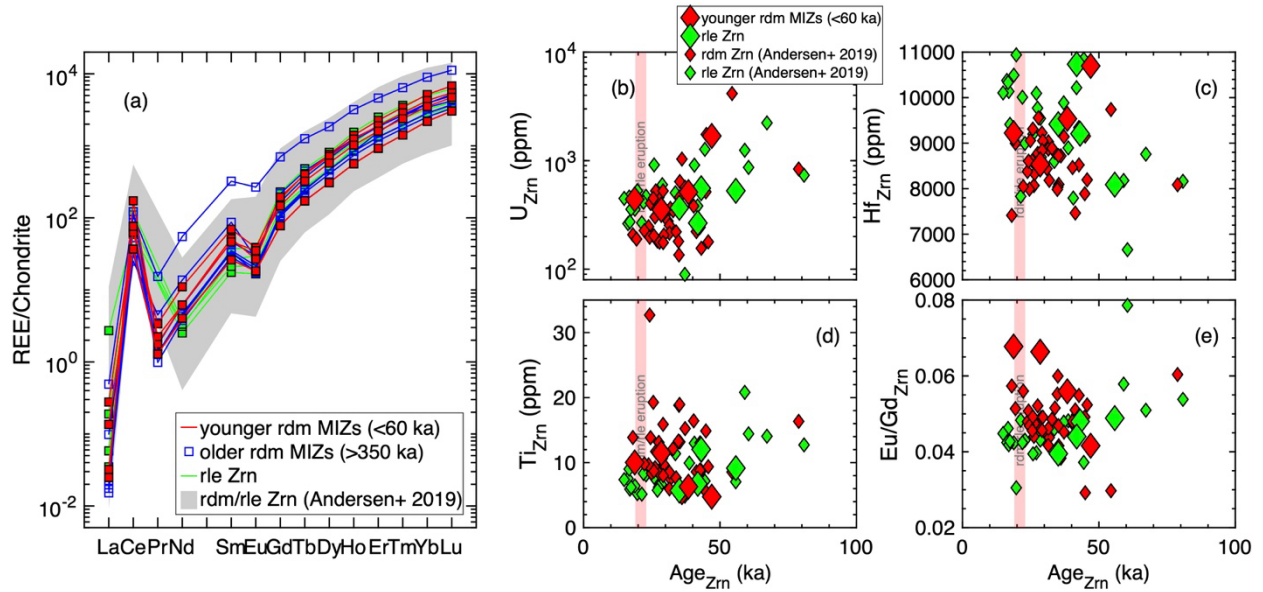
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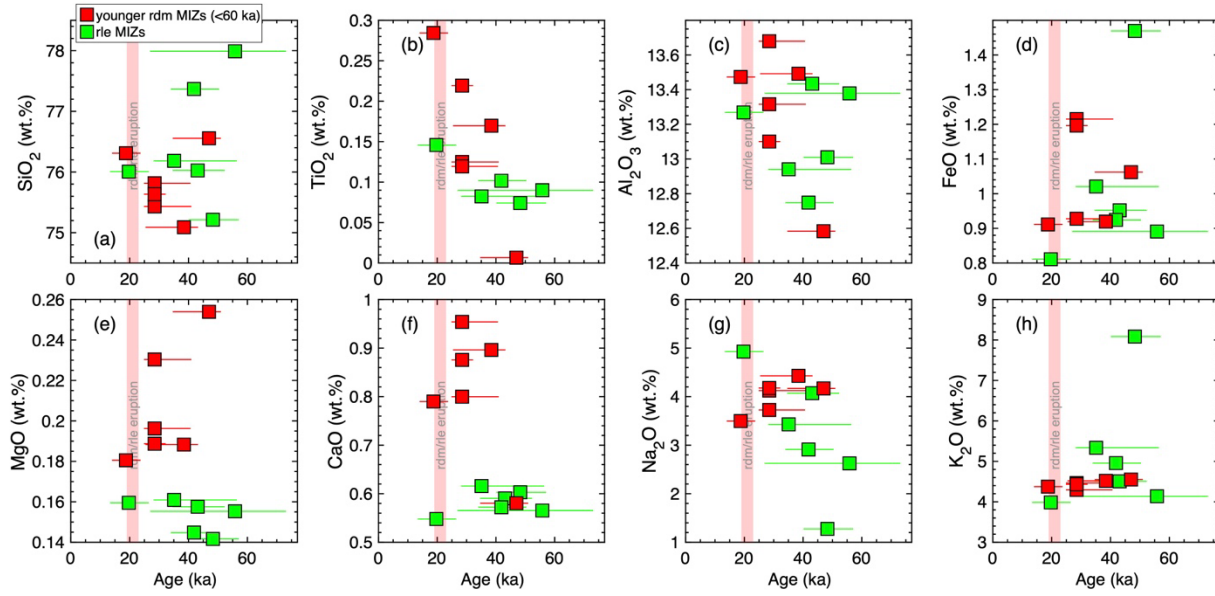
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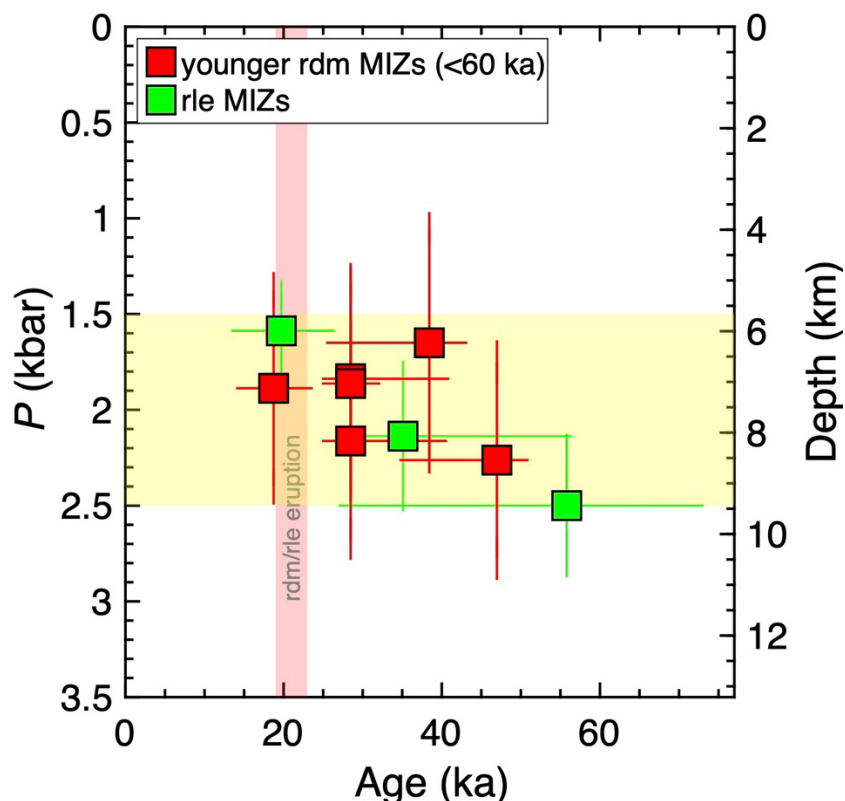
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 628 Figure 7. (a) Chondrite normalized REE pattern and (b) U, (c) Hf, (d) Ti, and (e) Eu/Gd vs.  $^{238}\text{U}$ –  
 629  $^{230}\text{Th}$  ages of the rdm and rle zircons. In (a) the gray field shows the rdm and rle zircon REE data  
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 631 equilibrium ages. The large symbols are from this study, while the small symbols are rdm and rle  
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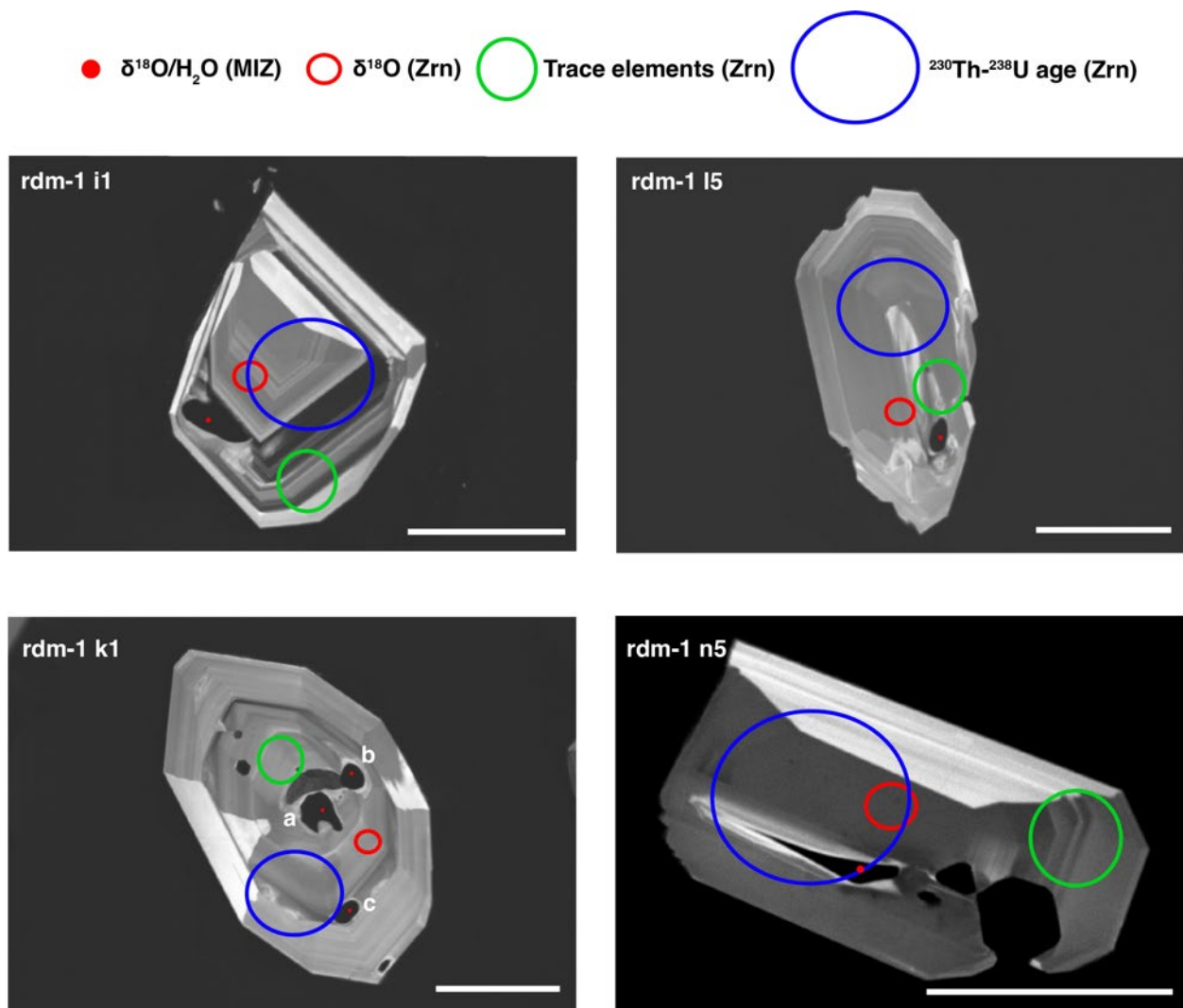
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 638 the eruption age of rdm and rle units (Andersen et al. 2017). As discussed in section 5.3, some  
 639  $^{238}\text{U}$ – $^{230}\text{Th}$  age spot should be considered to be the minimum (i.e., age spot in CL domain  
 640 further away from zircon core than that of the MIZ) or maximum (i.e., age spot in CL domain  
 641 closer to zircon core than that of the MIZ) entrapment ages of the MIZs. In such cases, we  
 642 estimated the maximum or minimum MIZ entrapment ages based on the mean age difference  
 643 between the zircon rim and interior ages of the rdm (8.5 kyr) and rle (13.9 kyr) zircons  
 644 (Andersen et al. 2019). For example, if the age spot is in a CL domain that is closer to the zircon  
 645 core than the CL domain that the MIZ is in (e.g., rdm-1 i1, Fig. S1-1), the  $^{238}\text{U}$ – $^{230}\text{Th}$  age  
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 647 estimated by subtracting the mean age difference between the zircon rim and interior ages of  
 648 the rdm (8.5 kyr) zircons (Andersen et al. 2019) from the negative uncertainty of the  $^{238}\text{U}$ – $^{230}\text{Th}$   
 649 age (entrapment age =  $47.0^{+4.0}_{-12.4}$  ka).  
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 653 the  $^{238}\text{U}$ – $^{230}\text{Th}$  age data of the host zircons. The pressures were calculated based on the MIZ  
 654  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  contents, ranges of MIZ  $\text{CO}_2$  content assumed based on plagioclase-hosted melt inclusion  
 655 data (Klug et al. 2020) (0 to 570 ppm and 25 to 344 ppm for rdm and rle MIZs respectively) and  
 656 the MagmaSat model of Ghiorso and Gualda (2015) implemented in the VesiCal v1.01 software  
 657 (Iacovino et al. 2021). The vertical light-red bar shows the eruption age of rdm and rle units  
 658 (Andersen et al. 2017). The horizontal light-yellow bar indicates the optimal emplacement  
 659 window ( $2.0 \pm 0.5$  kbar) of silicic magma reservoir growth, storage, and eruptibility based on  
 660 thermomechanical model of Huber et al. (2019). Depth on the right axis is calculated with a  
 661 crustal density of  $2,700 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . For the description of the uncertainties in the MIZ entrapment  
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663 **Supplementary figures**

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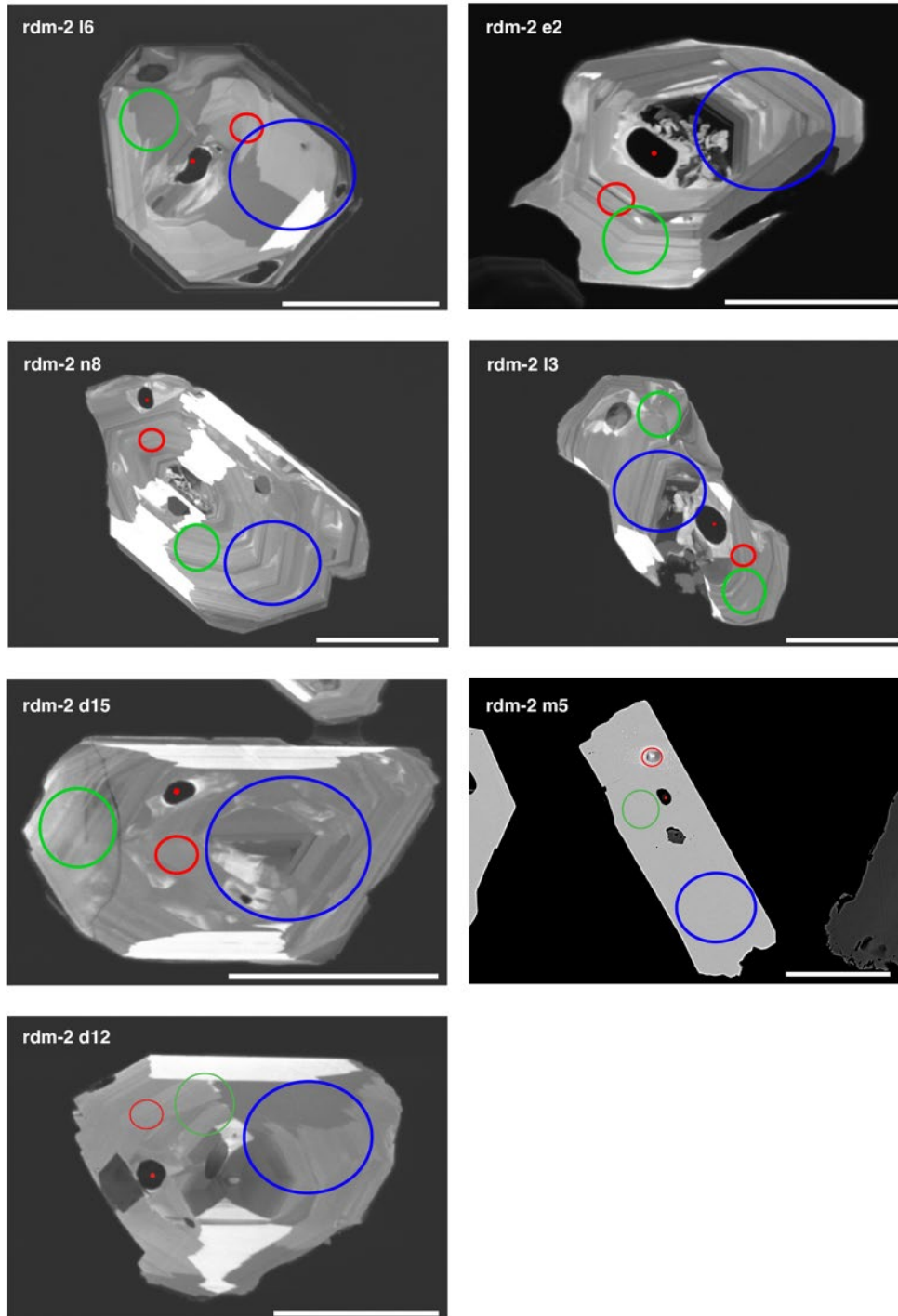


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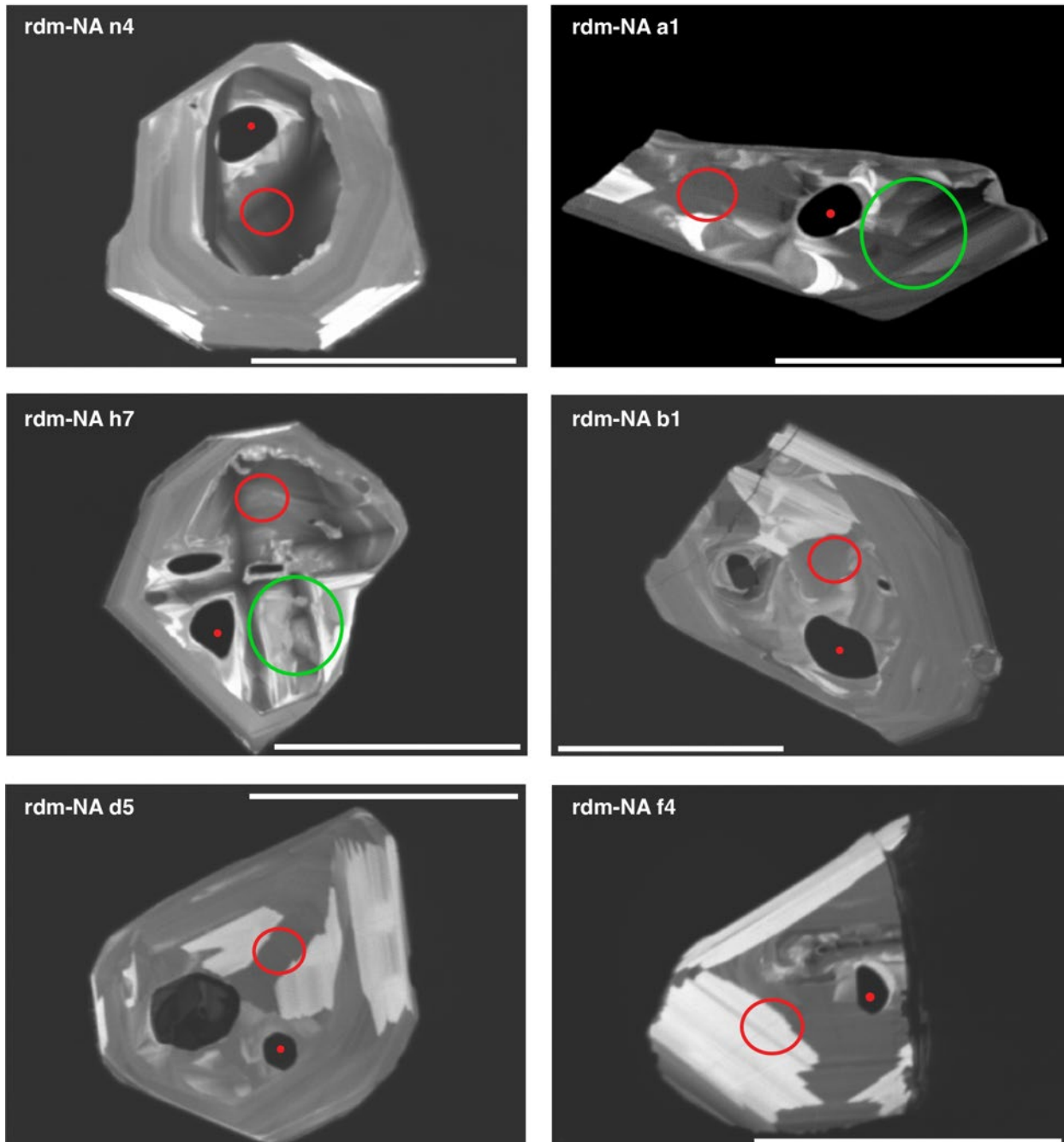


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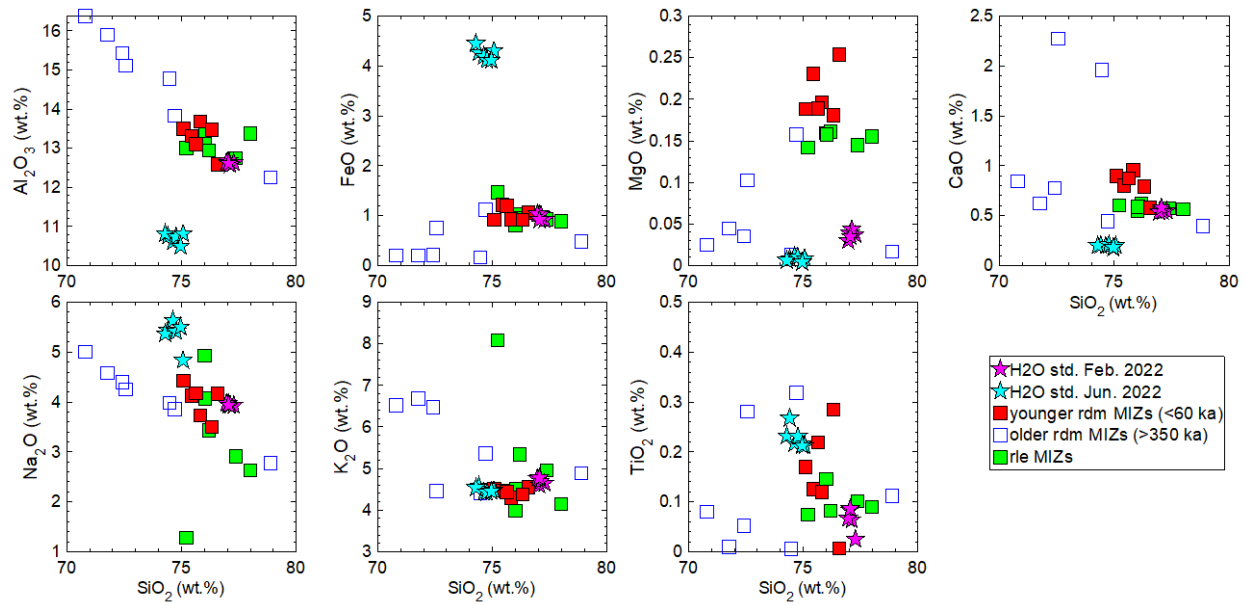


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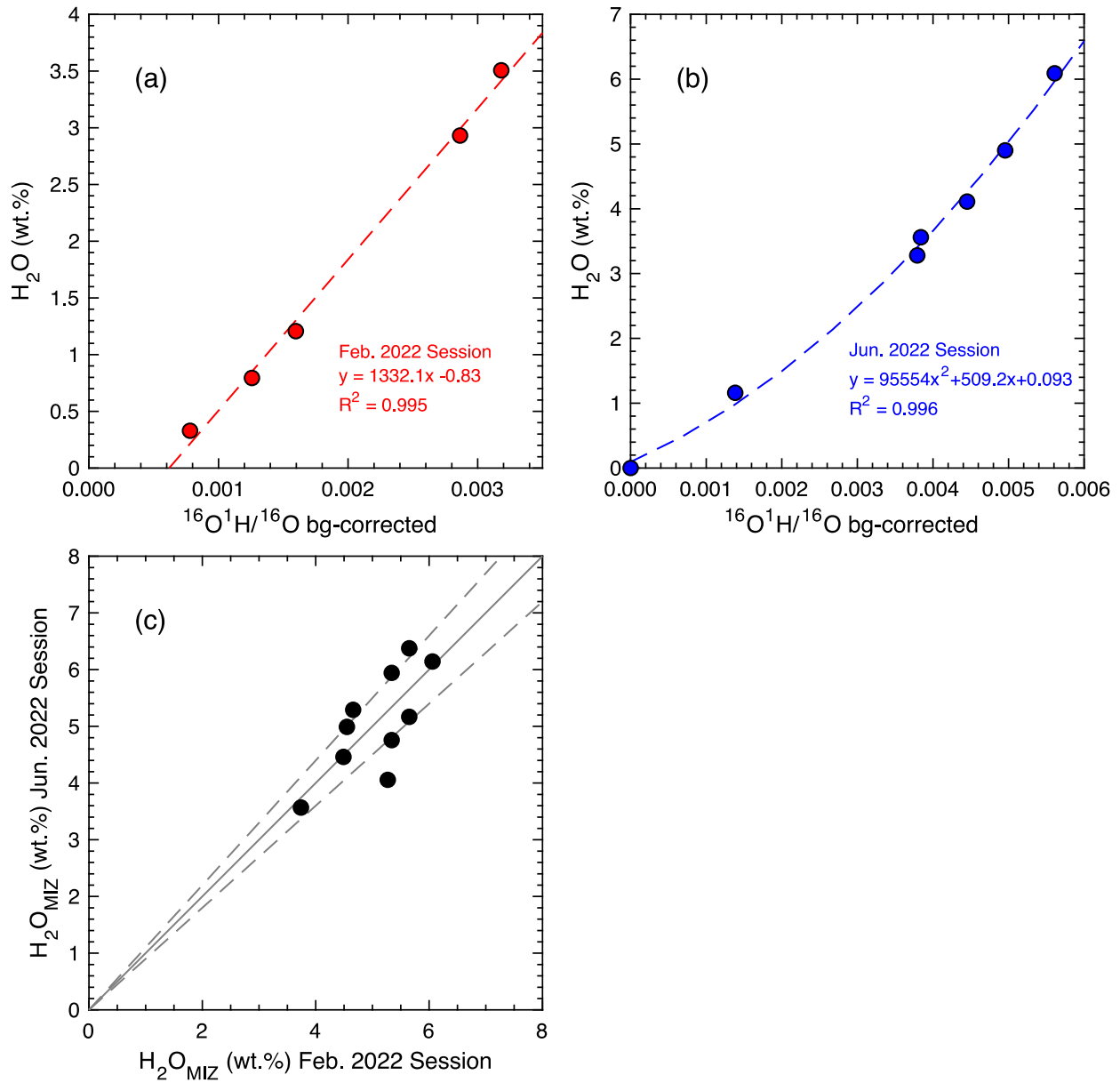
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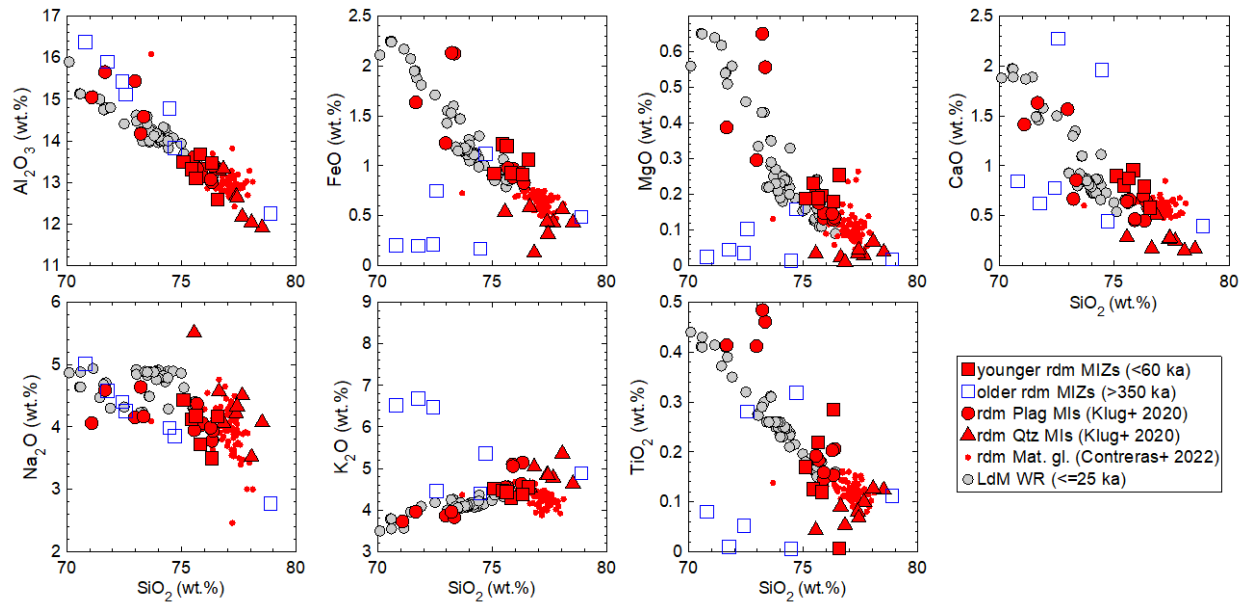
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 678 while the red and green circles indicate those from the  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  and trace element analyses of the  
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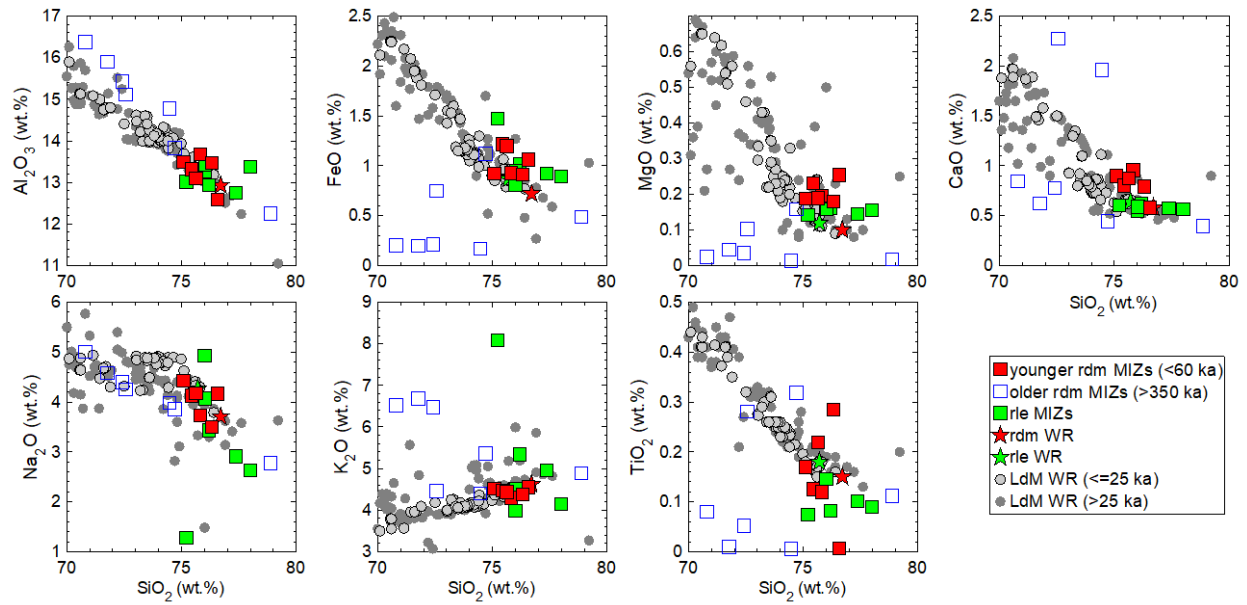


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 686 comparison of H<sub>2</sub>O contents measured in identical MIZs measured during the two sessions. In  
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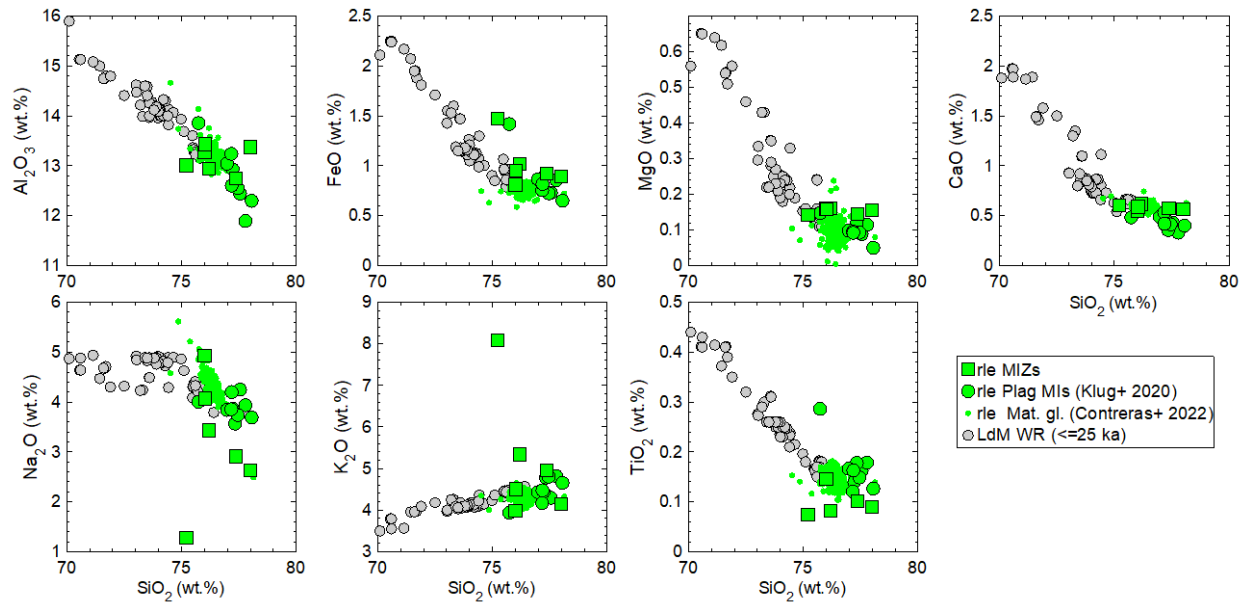
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Figure S5. Harker diagrams showing the major element composition of the rdm and rle MIZs and correlated whole rock compositions. Whole rock data of younger units ( $\leq 25$  ka) are from Andersen et al. (2017), Hildreth et al. (2010), and Contreras et al. (2022) and those of older units ( $> 25$  ka) are from Hildreth et al. (2010). MIZ compositions are normalized to 100% on anhydrous basis to allow direct comparison with the whole rock data.



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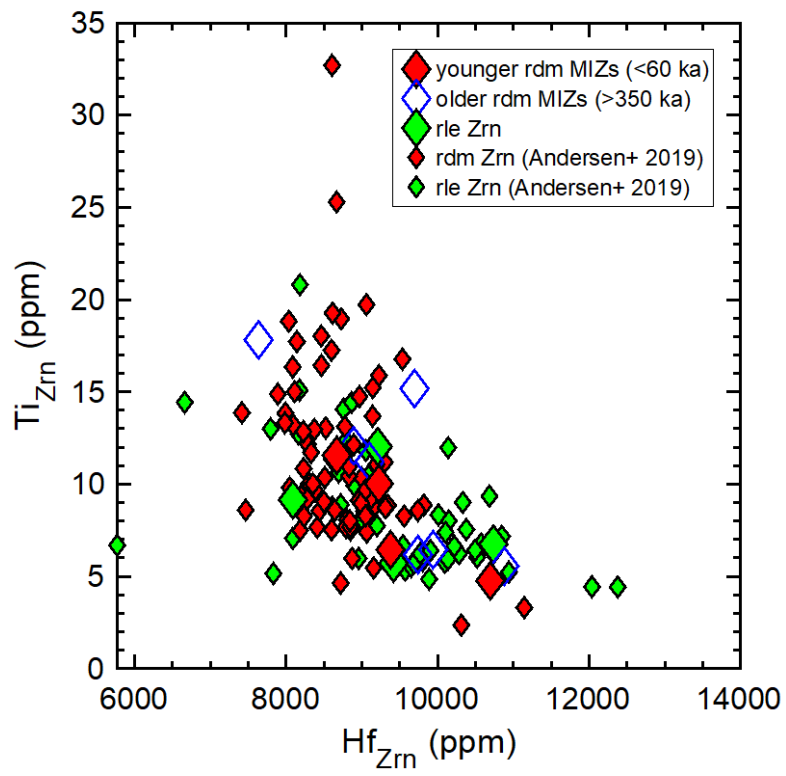
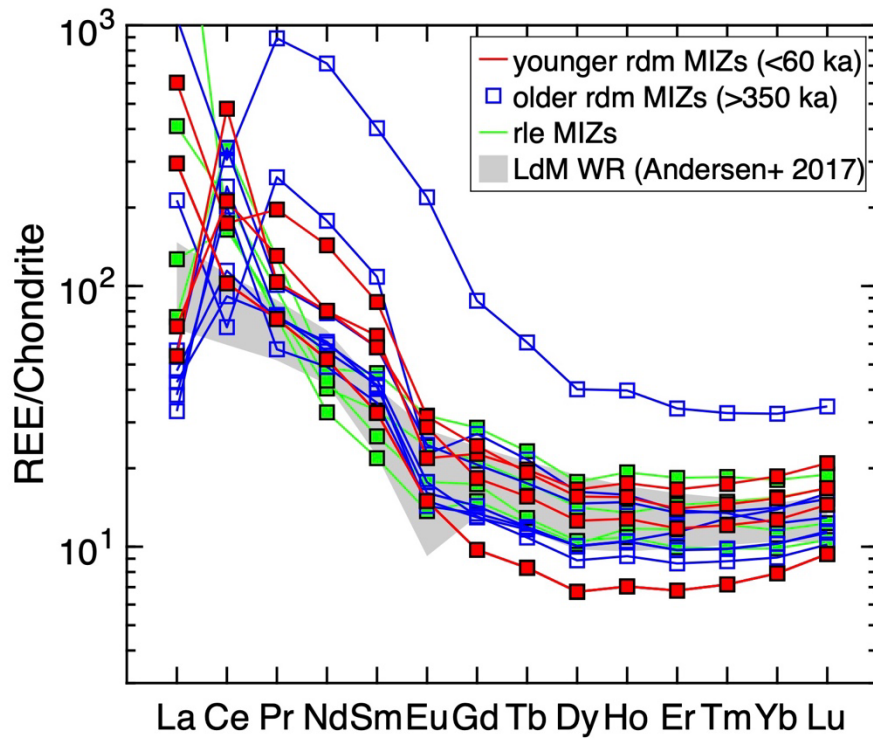


Figure S7. Ti vs. Hf of the rdm and rle zircons.





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