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# Gneiss formation events in the Saglek Block, Labrador;

## a reappraisal of the Uivak Gneiss

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### Abstract

The Saglek Block of Labrador is an Archean gneiss complex, metamorphosed during a ca. 2.7 Ga event. The main component of the complex is the Eoarchean Uivak orthogneiss, which includes lenses of the Nulliak supracrustal assemblage. Both lithologies are cut by the mafic Saglek metadykes. The Uivak gneisses have been divided into Uivak I grey gneiss and Uivak II augen gneiss. The former underwent ca. 3.6 Ga high-T metamorphism prior to the intrusion of the latter. However, the exact age, nature and extent of Uivak II gneiss is poorly understood. We present geochemical and geochronological results for both orthogneisses. These data help refine various hypotheses concerning the formation of Eo- to Paleoarchean protoliths. Magmatic ages of  $3746 \pm 5$  and  $3717 \pm 6$  Ma are consistent with previous estimates for the age of Uivak I gneiss. Uivak II augen gneiss from Maidmonts Island, where there is a clear intrusive relationship between the Uivak II and Uivak I gneissic protoliths, has an age of  $3325 \pm 3$  Ma. This age is equivalent to that of a homogeneous grey gneiss from St John's Harbour, with an age of  $3318 \pm 5$  Ma. Grey gneiss from Big Island has a distinctively younger age of  $3219 \pm 7$  Ma, equivalent to the ca. 3.24 Ga Lister Gneiss. Our study shows that granitic gneisses classified as Uivak II were emplaced 200-300 Myr after ca. 3.6 Ga metamorphism and deformation in the Uivak

32 I gneiss. The igneous protolith of Uivak II gneiss predates the Lister Gneiss by about  
33 100 Myr. The Uivak I and Lister gneisses are geochemically similar, and are both  
34 TTGs, whereas the Uivak II gneiss is a granitoid partially derived from pre-existing  
35 crust. We propose abandoning the term 'Uivak II gneiss', and renaming ca. 3.3 Ga  
36 granitoids, after the type-locality, as Maidmonts Gneiss. This restricts the term 'Uivak  
37 Gneiss' to TTG Eoarchean gneisses.

## 38 1. Introduction

39 The Archean Nain Province is located along the eastern coast of Labrador (Canada),  
40 and forms the western margin of the North Atlantic Craton. The province is correlated  
41 with Archean terranes in southern West Greenland (Bridgwater et al. 1973; Nutman  
42 et al. 2004a; Hölttä et al. 2008) across the Labrador Sea. To the west and south, the  
43 Nain Province is bordered by early- to mid-Proterozoic orogenic belts named the  
44 Churchill, Grenville and Makkovik provinces (Taylor 1971; Greene 1974). The Nain  
45 Province is divided into two Archean blocks, the northern Saglek Block and the  
46 southern Hopedale Block (Fig. 1), which are separated by the middle-Proterozoic  
47 **Nain Plutonic Suite** (Bridgwater and Schiøtte 1991; Wasteneys et al. 1996). The  
48 Saglek Block comprises dominant early Archean Uivak TTG gneisses, with  
49 subordinate belts of mafic and metasedimentary supracrustal rocks that include the  
50 so-called 'Nulliak assemblage'. Comparable lithologies are found across the Davis  
51 Strait in South West Greenland, where the early Archean Itsaq Gneiss Complex  
52 (IGC) (Nutman et al. 1996) comprises Amîtsoq TTG gneisses (McGregor 1973)  
53 associated with the metasupracrustal Akilia association (McGregor and Mason 1977),  
54 which includes the Isua Greenstone Belt (Fedo et al. 2001). The Itsaq Gneiss  
55 Complex contains the most extensive and well-studied early Archaean rock record  
56 (Nutman et al. 1996,2004a), including some of the oldest identified rocks on Earth.  
57 The area comprises several generations of granitoid intrusions, emplaced between  
58 ca. 3.9 Ga and 3.5 Ga (e.g., Nutman et al. 1996, 2000, 2004a, 2007, 2013;  
59 Whitehouse et al. 1999; Crowley 2003; Whitehouse and Kamber 2005; Næraa et al.  
60 2012), which formed the protoliths of a major part of the Itsaq Gneiss Complex,  
61 together with younger orthogneisses and migmatites that were emplacement  
62 between ca. 3.2 Ga and 2.8 Ga (Polat et al. 2010; Næraa et al. 2012). Most of these  
63 rocks acquired their structural elements and fabrics during Neoproterozoic  
64 tectonothermal events (around 2.8-2.7 Ga) (McGregor 1973; Chadwick and Nutman

65 1979; Whitehouse and Kamber 2005) with local low-strain domains that preserve  
66 evidence of *ca.* 3.6 Ga high-T metamorphism (e.g., Griffin et al. 1980; Nutman et al.  
67 1996, 2002, 2013; Crowley 2003; Friend and Nutman 2005; Whitehouse and Kamber  
68 2005).

69 In contrast, the Saglek Block in Labrador has not been so extensively studied. Early  
70 mapping (Bridgwater et al. 1975; Hurst et al. 1975; Bridgwater and Collerson 1976,  
71 1977) followed by geochronological studies (Collerson and Bridgwater 1979; Shiotte  
72 et al. 1989a,b; Bridgwater and Schiøtte 1991) defined and dated major lithologies.  
73 More recently, a resurgence of interest in the Saglek Block has led to several detailed  
74 studies (Krogh and Kamo 2006; Shimojo et al. 2016; Komiya et al. 2017; Kusiak et al.  
75 2018; Sałacińska et al. 2018) that revised earlier interpretations and produced new  
76 controversies, especially regarding the oldest components of the block. Following the  
77 study of Sałacińska et al. (2018) that advanced understanding of the age and  
78 composition of the Uivak I gneiss, this study focuses on orthogneisses previously  
79 identified as the younger, but poorly understood, Uivak II gneiss. We present  
80 geochemical and geochronological results that test various hypotheses concerning  
81 the formation of early to mid-Archean gneissic protoliths. We provide improved  
82 geochronological and geochemical characterisation of rocks formerly assigned to the  
83 Uivak II gneiss, and suggest a new definition for the gneisses that were produced  
84 much later than the predominant Uivak I gneiss.

## 85 **2. Geological setting**

86 The Saglek Block is located in the northern part of the Archean Nain Province,  
87 exposed along the coast northwards from the Nain Plutonic Suite, between Okak  
88 Island and Nachvak Fjord (Fig. 1; Bridgwater and Schiøtte 1991; Wasteneys et al.  
89 1996). The block is divided at Saglek Bay into two segments by the major N-S  
90 trending Handy Fault, which separates rocks of different crustal levels. The western  
91 part of the Saglek Block consists of granulite-facies rocks, whereas the eastern part  
92 reveals a transition from amphibolite-facies in the north (from Big Island through  
93 Tigigakyuk Inlet to Lister Island) to granulite-facies southward to Hebron Fjord  
94 (Bridgwater et al. 1975; Schiøtte et al. 1989a). The Saglek Block contains a strongly  
95 deformed Archean gneiss complex, consisting predominantly of quartzofeldspathic  
96 gneisses of presumed igneous origin, which are tectonically juxtaposed and

97 interleaved with supracrustal rocks. The major component of the complex is the early  
98 Archean Uivak orthogneiss, which has been subdivided into the older Uivak I TTG  
99 gneisses and younger Uivak II gneisses. Macro-scale tectonic lenses of the Nulliak  
100 supracrustal assemblage are intercalated with the Uivak gneisses, and both cut by  
101 metamorphosed plagioclase-phyric mafic Saglek dykes (Bridgwater et al. 1975;  
102 Bridgwater and Collerson 1976, 1977). These units have been correlated with the  
103 Itsaq Gneiss Complex in southern West Greenland (Sałacińska et al. 2018 and  
104 references therein), which is intruded by the plagioclase-phyric Ameralik dyke swarm  
105 (Nutman et al. 2004b), a likely Saglek dyke correlative. The oldest recognized post-  
106 Saglek dyke orthogneiss from the Saglek Block is the Paleoproterozoic felsic Lister  
107 Gneiss (Schiøtte et al. 1989a). Contacts between the older Uivak and younger Lister  
108 gneisses are tectonic, and no evidence for intrusive relationships has been  
109 recognized (Bridgwater and Schiøtte 1991). The Upernavik supracrustal assemblage  
110 is a composite group of rocks of several ages, which is more extensively exposed  
111 than the older Nulliak assemblage. The Upernavik supracrustal assemblage is  
112 dominated by pelitic and psammitic units. The original distinction between the older  
113 Nulliak and younger Upernavik assemblages was based on the absence of Saglek  
114 dykes within the younger rocks (Bridgwater et al. 1975; Bridgwater and Collerson  
115 1976, 1977; Schiøtte et al. 1989a,b). Further investigation showed that some  
116 “Upernavik-like” lithologies are cut by a mafic dykes assigned to the Saglek swarm  
117 (Bridgwater and Schiøtte 1991). Therefore, lithological differences, such as the  
118 presence of banded ironstones and metacherts in the Nulliak assemblage, are more  
119 appropriate in separating these two units (Bridgwater and Collerson 1976, 1977;  
120 Ryan and Martineau 2012). The present outcrop pattern is a result of tectonic  
121 intercalation and subsequent folding of orthogneisses and supracrustal rocks during  
122 a late Archean metamorphic event at ca. 2.8-2.7 Ga and/or ca. 2.5 Ga reaching  
123 granulite-facies conditions (Krogh and Kamo 2006; Connelly and Ryan 1996;  
124 Bridgwater and Schiøtte 1991; Schiøtte et al. 1989a,b).

### 125 **3. Definition and characteristics of ‘Uivak Gneiss’**

126 The original definition of the Uivak Gneiss in the Saglek Block was given by  
127 Bridgwater et al. (1975): “The Uivak gneisses are a composite group of  
128 quartzofeldspathic rocks which may not all belong to the same igneous suite. They  
129 are described as a single lithological unit because of their relation with [intrusion by]

130 the Saglek dykes". The Uivak gneisses consist of felsic grey gneisses (Uivak I  
131 Gneiss), along with porphyritic granitoid gneisses, and calc-alkaline intrusions (Uivak  
132 II Gneiss; Bridgwater and Collerson 1976). The Uivak I gneisses are grey,  
133 compositionally varied, fine- to medium-grained, quartzofeldspathic and partially  
134 migmatized. Homogenous parts of the gneiss are dominated by **TTG compositions**.  
135 More mafic phases, including gabbroic, dioritic and monzonitic gneisses, are locally  
136 present. Field observations in areas of relatively low finite strain show that the Uivak I  
137 Gneiss was affected by at least one major period of deformation and migmatization  
138 prior to the intrusion of the Uivak II gneissic protolith (Bridgwater et al. 1975;  
139 Bridgwater and Collerson 1976; Collerson and Bridgwater 1979).

140 The less extensive Uivak II Gneiss occurs in a relatively narrow, localised belt,  
141 parallel to gneissosity, extending SSE from the southern coast of Big Island, through  
142 White Point, Mentzel Island, and Maidmonts Island to the coast opposite Nulliak  
143 Island (Fig. 1). Originally, the Uivak II Gneiss was defined as a co-genetic suite of  
144 plutonic bodies that include iron-rich porphyritic granodiorites and ferro-diorites  
145 intruded into deformed and migmatized Uivak I Gneiss, although any original  
146 intrusive relationships were largely obscured by strong deformation (Bridgwater et al.  
147 1975; Hurst et al. 1975; Bridgwater and Collerson 1976; Collerson and Bridgwater  
148 1979). The four main components of the Uivak II Gneiss were identified as: a)  
149 coarse-grained granitic gneiss with large feldspar augen; b) hornblende-rich  
150 ferrodiorites; c) feldspar-phyric biotite-rich inhomogenous quartz monzonite sheets;  
151 and d) thin hornblende-rich dykes (Bridgwater et al. 1975; Bridgwater and Collerson  
152 1976). The last three types were identified from the southern part of Big Island. A Rb-  
153 Sr whole-rock errorchron of **ca. 3622 Ma**, derived from a combination of Uivak I and II  
154 samples led Bridgwater and Collerson (1976) to suggest that both types were broadly  
155 contemporaneous. However, further detailed geochronology (Baadsgaard et al.  
156 1979) showed that the iron-rich suite from Big Island is a comparatively late (ca. 2.8-  
157 2.5 Ga) minor association, and was therefore excluded from the Uivak II gneiss.  
158 Subsequently, the assumption that Uivak II protoliths formed at ca. 3.6 Ga has never  
159 been tested.

160 The first evidence of an early Archean age for the Uivak I Gneiss was provided by  
161 whole rock Rb-Sr isotopic dating ( $3545 \pm 72$  Ma; Hurst et al. 1975; and  $3533 \pm 315$  Ma;  
162 Ma; Collerson et al. 1982) and this was confirmed by multigrain U-Pb zircon dating

163 using Isotopic Dilution Thermo-Ionisation Mass Spectrometry (ID-TIMS) (>3485 Ma;  
164 Baadsgaard et al. 1979). The first precise age of the formation of Uivak I Gneiss  
165 (3732±6 Ma) was determined by Schiøtte et al. (1989a). Further high-precision ages  
166 were provided by Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS; Kusiak et al. 2018 and  
167 Sałacińska et al. 2018). Isotopic U-Pb dating of zircon grains also identified a  
168 significant amount of older zircon, up to ca. 3.92 Ga in age (Collerson 1983; Schiøtte  
169 et al. 1989a; Shimojo et al. 2016); however such ages may be largely xenocrystic. A  
170 re-interpretation of the age of the Uivak I Gneiss was presented by Krogh and Kamo  
171 (2006), who, on the basis of new zircon dating of grey gneisses in Saglek Bay,  
172 suggested that they represent two unrelated generations of magmatism, the first at  
173 3634±31 Ma (with inheritance back to 3730 Ma), and the second at 3348±7 Ma, on  
174 the west and east sides of the Handy Fault, respectively. Further re-investigation of  
175 grey gneisses mapped as Uivak Gneiss by Laser Ablation Inductively Coupled  
176 Plasma Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICPMS) U-Pb dating of zircon was conducted by  
177 Komiya et al. (2017). Their results led them to propose a new model of 'prolonged'  
178 granitoid formation with gneisses grouped into five (Uivak A-E) age ranges of  
179 approximately 50 my each over a 300 million year period between 3.9 – 3.6 Ga.  
180 Previous attempts at U-Pb zircon dating of Uivak II gneiss have not provided clear  
181 results. Wanless et al. (1979) calculated an upper intercept age of 3760±150 Ma,  
182 whereas a few discordant zircon analyses by Collerson (1983) recorded  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$   
183 ages of ca. 3350 Ma.

184 The Lister gneiss, identified as a subvertical sheet of felsic orthogneisses amongst  
185 amphibolite facies gneisses, is significantly younger (ca. 3.24 Ga) than Uivak I gneiss  
186 and post-dates the Saglek dykes (Schiøtte et al. 1989a). The type locality on Lister  
187 Island (Schiøtte et al. 1989a) yielded an age for the gneiss of 3235±8 Ma, with other  
188 localities yielding slightly younger ages (3219±3 Ma and 3213±4 Ma; Schiøtte et al.  
189 1990; Wasteneys et al. 1996, respectively). Similar felsic gneisses, also ca. 3.2 Ga in  
190 age, were subsequently identified from the south side of Saglek Bay (Bridgwater and  
191 Schiøtte 1991), on Big Island (Krogh and Kamo, 2006), on Nulliak Island (Komiya et  
192 al., 2017), on granulite-facies Parkavik Island (Schiøtte et al. 1990) and offshore of  
193 the Saglek Block (drill core; Wasteneys et al. 1996), which indicated that ca. 3.24 Ga  
194 gneisses are volumetrically more widespread than previously thought.

#### 195 **4. Sample locations**

196 Sampling was conducted between Saglek Bay and Hebron Fjord (Fig. 1). Rock types  
197 were chosen that were representative of both grey gneisses (typical of Uivak I) and  
198 augen gneisses (typical of Uivak II). A total of six samples were collected for this  
199 study: from St John's Harbour (L1410, L1411), Big Island (L1443, L1444), Little  
200 Island (L1463) and Maidmonts Island (L1467) (Fig. 1). Samples from St John's  
201 Harbour represent homogenous fine-grained gneiss (L1410) and banded grey gneiss  
202 (L1411). From field observations, the latter sample (L1411) may have more than one  
203 igneous protolith juxtaposed during a later deformation event. The samples from Big  
204 Island represent weakly porphyroblastic (L1443) and homogenous (L1444) fine-  
205 grained grey gneisses and were collected from the coast between localities  
206 previously sampled by Komiya et al. (2015, 2017), who obtained *ca.* 3.22 Ga and *ca.*  
207 3.73 Ga ages. An intrusive relationship between these two grey gneisses was not  
208 identified and none of the sampled outcrops are cut by mafic dykes or pegmatite (Fig.  
209 2C,D). On Little Island, one homogenous fine-grained grey gneiss (L1463) was  
210 sampled from an outcrop containing grey gneiss with fragments of mafic dykes and  
211 pegmatite (Fig. 2E). A similar outcrop was found by Krogh and Kamo (2006), who  
212 determined the age of orthogneiss at *ca.* 3.35 Ga, cut by a mafic dyke at *ca.* 2.70 Ga  
213 and by pegmatite at *ca.* 2.56 Ga. However, orthogneiss (L1463) from our sample  
214 locality is different from the orthogneiss dated by Krogh and Kamo (2006), because it  
215 is interleaved with coarser-grained pegmatite veins 1-2 cm wide. Porphyroclastic  
216 gneiss (L1467; Fig. 2F) was collected from Maidmonts Island, where the largest body  
217 of Uivak II Gneiss occurs, and it extends at least 3 km along strike (Fig. 3; Bridgwater  
218 and Collerson 1976). At this locality, a deformed and transposed contact between  
219 augen gneiss (L1467), grey gneiss and syn-tectonic white granitoid, was identified  
220 (Fig. 2F). In another outcrop on the island, we noted a clear intrusive relationship  
221 between the younger Uivak II and Uivak I gneisses (Fig. 3).

222 All six samples, including homogenous (L1410, L1444 and L1463), weakly  
223 porphyroblastic (L1443), and banded (L1411) fine-grained grey gneisses and  
224 porphyroclastic gneiss (L1467), have granoblastic textures. Sample locations, rock  
225 types as classified by bulk-rock geochemistry, and mineral assemblages are listed in  
226 Table 1.

## 227 5. Analytical procedures



228 For geochemical analyses, the most uniform parts of the samples were selected and  
229 all weathered material was removed. They were then crushed and milled in an agate  
230 ball mill. The material was then coned and quartered before being despatched for  
231 analysis of major and trace elements at the Bureau Veritas Analytical Laboratories in  
232 Vancouver, Canada. X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometry was used for major  
233 elements whereas inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) was  
234 used for trace elements, including REE. The volatile content of each sample was  
235 determined by loss on ignition (LOI). The data were then plotted in diagrams using  
236 the GeoChemical Data toolkit (GCDkit) (Janoušek et al. 2016).

237 Separation of zircon was conducted at the Sample Separation Laboratory, Institute of  
238 Geological Sciences PAS (Krakow). Crushed material was run through Carpco and  
239 Frantz magnetic separators to remove magnetic minerals. To isolate dense minerals,  
240 TBE (tetrabromoethane) was used. Zircon was then separated from other heavy  
241 minerals by hand-picking under a binocular microscope. The zircons were then  
242 placed together with the reference material (zircon 91500, Wiedenbeck et al. 1995) in  
243 epoxy resin mounts and then were polished to expose the cores of the zircons. All  
244 zircon grains were imaged and documented in transmitted and reflected light and by  
245 scanning electron microscopy. For scanning electron microscopy, the grains were  
246 carbon coated prior to being imaged using cathodoluminescence (CL) to highlight the  
247 internal structure of the crystals. Before analyses, the epoxy mounts were cleaned in  
248 an ultrasonic bath and gold coated for U-Th-Pb isotopic analysis.

249 U-Th-Pb isotopic analysis of zircon was undertaken at the Department of  
250 Geosciences in the Swedish Natural History Museum (Stockholm, Sweden), using a  
251 CAMECA IMS 1280 secondary ion mass spectrometer (SIMS) in the NordSIM  
252 analytical facility. The analytical method is according to Whitehouse and Kamber  
253 (2005). The analytical conditions during analysis consisted of using a nominal ~20  
254  $\mu\text{m}$ , 6 nA  $\text{O}_2^-$  ion beam in dynamic mono-collection mode and an ion counting  
255 electron multiplier (EM) ion counter at a mass resolution of ~5400 ( $M/\Delta M$ ). The  
256 protocol of Jeon and Whitehouse (2015) was used for calibrating the Pb/U ratios  
257 using the Pb/UO vs.  $\text{UO}_2/\text{UO}$  method based on zircon standard 91500. The 91500  
258 zircon has a U concentration of 80 ppm and an age of 1065 Ma (Wiedenbeck et al.  
259 1995). Common Pb was corrected using the  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  counts where these exceeded 3x  
260 the standard deviation on the average background. Common Pb composition

261 assumes the present-day terrestrial Pb-isotope composition model (Stacey and  
262 Kramers 1975), following the rationale of Zeck and Whitehouse (1999) that this is  
263 largely surface contamination introduced during sample preparation and not common  
264 Pb residing in zircon and/or micro-inclusions. During spot analyses, very low  
265 concentrations of common Pb ( $f^{206}\text{Pb} < 0.1\%$ ) were detected and have little influence  
266 on the ages. The in-house software developed by M.J. Whitehouse was used for data  
267 reduction, and the ages were calculated using Isoplot (Ludwig, 2012). In the tables,  
268 the data are quoted with  $1\sigma$  analytical errors, whereas weighted mean calculations  
269 and discordia intercept ages are quoted at 95% ( $2\sigma$ ) confidence levels, and include  
270 the decay constant error. Data with common Pb content  $>1\%$  were excluded from  
271  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  pooled age calculation, as were data with absolute discordance  $>5\%$ .

## 272 **6. Results**

### 273 **6.1. Whole-rock Geochemistry**

274 Whole-rock major and trace element compositions for gneisses from Saglek Bay are  
275 given in Table 2.

276 All samples are silica-rich (66.0-73.7 wt. %  $\text{SiO}_2$ ) and have variable contents of  
277 aluminium (13.5-18.5 wt. %  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ). The variable contents of sodium (3.6-5.7 wt. %  
278  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ) and potassium (1.4-4.1 wt. %  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ) are reflected in the range of  $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O}$   
279 ratios (0.25-1.09), with the highest ratios in samples L1410 and L1467. The gneisses  
280 also have variable contents of ferromagnesian oxides, ranging from 1.9 to 5.4 wt.%  
281 ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^* + \text{MgO} + \text{MnO} + \text{TiO}_2$  wt.%,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^*$  = total Fe expressed as  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ).

282 Samples plot in the granodiorite (L1443 and L1444) and granite (L1410, L1411,  
283 L1463 and L1467) fields in the TAS diagram (Middlemost 1994) and are close to the  
284 boundaries between granite, granodiorite and quartz monzonite (Fig. 4A). All  
285 samples are weakly peraluminous (Fig. 4B). In the AFM diagram (Irvine and Baragar  
286 1971), the samples follow the calc-alkaline trend (Fig. 4C), although two of them  
287 (L1410 and L1467) are located closer to the A-F side of the ternary diagram. In the  
288 normative An-Ab-Or ternary diagram (Barker 1979; after O'Connor 1965), the  
289 samples plot in the trondhjemite (L1443, L1444 and L1463) and granite (L1410,  
290 L1411 and L1467) fields. This diagram is used for classification of our samples  
291 following Jahn et al's. (1981) classification of Archean TTG gneisses. Samples L1463  
292 and L1411 are close to the trondhjemite-granite boundary (Fig. 4D).

293 The trace elements were normalized to the primitive mantle (PM) values from  
294 McDonough and Sun (1995) (Fig. 5A). Four samples (L1411, L1443, L1444, L1463)  
295 have similar trace element profiles, with strongly negative Nb-Ta and P anomalies,  
296 weak to moderate negative Ti anomalies and a minor peak in Sr. Sample L1410 is  
297 geochemically similar to sample L1467, with low U, Nb, Ta, Sr, P, and weak negative  
298 Ti anomalies. These two samples have the highest contents of Th and Zr. All  
299 samples are strongly enriched in Rb (94-174 ppm) and Ba (196-1232 ppm) relative to  
300 PM (Table 2).

301 The rare earth elements (REEs) were normalized to the chondrite values from  
302 McDonough and Sun (1995). The gneisses have relatively high light rare earth  
303 element contents (LREE) (11.0-99.1 ppm La) and low heavy rare earth element  
304 (HREE) contents (0.22-0.39 ppm Yb), with La/Yb ratios ranging from 28 to 310 (Table  
305 2, Fig. 5B). Two samples, L1410 and L1467, show the strongest fractionation of  
306 L/HREE (La/Yb ratios of 309.7 and 144.9, respectively) and have distinct negative Eu  
307 anomalies, whereas the other four samples do not.

## 308 **6.2. U-Pb geochronology**

309 The sample results are presented in order of sample collection. SIMS U-Th-Pb  
310 isotopic data are given in Tables 3 - 8 for samples L1410, L1411, L1443, L1444,  
311 L1463 and L1467, respectively.

312 Granitic gneiss sample L1410 from St John's Harbour contains mostly subhedral to  
313 anhedral elongate zircons (up to 230  $\mu\text{m}$  in length, with a typical aspect ratio of 2:1).  
314 Most grains are zoned, with uniform to weakly-zoned dark CL cores (Fig. 6A, grain 3,  
315 8), whereas other grains have relatively bright CL cores that grade into dark CL rims  
316 (Fig. 6A, grain 4). Twenty-four analyses were undertaken on 21 grains from dark and  
317 bright CL cores and gradational zones, yielding 17 concordant data (Table 3; Fig. 7A)  
318 and 7 data that were either discordant and/or have **high common Pb**. The 17  
319 concordant analyses have relatively low U contents (30-140 ppm), with the exception  
320 of a grain 03c (622 ppm), and have Th/U values ranging from 0.43 to 0.97. Fourteen  
321 concordant data scatter along the concordia with  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages from 3336 to 3260  
322 Ma. Three data are significantly younger, with  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages in the range 3064-  
323 3004 Ma. No correlation between zircon structure and age was observed (Fig. 6A).  
324 From 14 concordant analyses, the 7 oldest data are statistically equivalent with a

325 weighted mean  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  age of  $3318\pm 5$  Ma (MSWD=1.7). Of the 7 remaining data  
326 from this group, and the 3 youngest concordant ones, there is no distinction in  
327 composition or structure between these and the older data. Assuming that the older  
328 data represent the time of zircon crystallization, the younger data may have been  
329 affected by Pb loss during a major metamorphic event at ca. 2.7 Ga (Schiøtte et al.  
330 1989a; Krogh and Kamo 2006). These data scatter along a Model 2 discordia chord  
331 with intercept ages of  $2725\pm 160$  &  $3392\pm 65$  Ma (MSWD = 1.8). The upper intercept  
332 age is slightly older than the weighted mean  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  age; however, the latter is  
333 preferred as the best estimate for the emplacement of the granitic protolith of the  
334 gneiss.

335 Granitic gneiss sample L1411 from St John's Harbour contains mostly subhedral  
336 elongate zircon grains (up to 300  $\mu\text{m}$  long, with aspect ratios of 2:1 to 4:1; Fig. 6B).  
337 Most are dark in CL, although a few have lighter cores. Thirty-six analyses of 31  
338 grains were obtained (Table 4; Fig. 7B), of which 5 analyses were discordant and 15  
339 have high common Pb. The remaining 16 analyses were obtained from zones with  
340 Th/U values ranging from 0.16 to 0.75, and spread along the concordia with  
341  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages between 3789 Ma and 3602 Ma. The oldest age is from a  
342 structurally distinct core with low U (50 ppm) (Fig. 6B, grain 21). Three data are from  
343 cores with similar U contents (148-180 ppm) and have  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages of 3753-  
344 3746 Ma. The remaining 12 concordant analyses are from weak, non-oscillatory  
345 zoned zircon, with highly variable U contents between 233 to 1076 ppm. These have  
346  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages which spread along the concordia from 3728 to 3602 Ma.

347 Trondhjemitic gneiss sample L1443 from Big Island contains zircons that are  
348 subhedral and elongate (100-230  $\mu\text{m}$  length, with aspect ratios of 2:1 to 3:1; Fig. 6C),  
349 and strong oscillatory zoning. A total of 32 analyses were obtained from 20 grains  
350 (Table 5; Fig. 7C), of which 5 concordant data are excluded from further  
351 consideration because they were obtained from mixed domains. Of the remaining  
352 data, 10 are discordant and 17 have high common Pb. Ten concordant data from 7  
353 zircon grains spread along the concordia with  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages ranging from 3759 to  
354 3730 Ma. These zircon grains have variable U concentrations (126-422 ppm) and  
355 Th/U ratios (0.09-0.67). The 6 oldest are statistically equivalent, with a weighted  
356 mean  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  age of  $3746\pm 5$  Ma (MSWD=1.5), whereas the remaining 4

357 concordant data range to younger ages, which are interpreted as being affected by  
358 Pb loss.

359 Trondhjemitic gneiss sample L1444 from Big Island contains mostly subhedral,  
360 elongate zircons (up to 250  $\mu\text{m}$  with an average aspect ratio of 2:1) with strong  
361 oscillatory zoning. They have thin rims which transgress the primary structures  
362 (Fig.6D). Nineteen analyses from 10 grains were obtained (Tab.6; Fig.7D), including  
363 9 concordant data and 10 data with high common Pb contents. The zircon grains  
364 have variable U contents (78-508 ppm) and Th/U ratios ranging from 0.38 to 0.55.  
365 Two concordant analyses with  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages of 3174 Ma and 3160 Ma were  
366 obtained from mixed zones and over cracks, and were therefore excluded from  
367 further consideration. The remaining seven concordant data define a weighted mean  
368  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  age of  $3219\pm 7$  Ma (MSWD=1.4).

369 Trondhjemitic gneiss sample L1463 from Little Island contains zircons that are mostly  
370 subhedral and elongate (up to 250  $\mu\text{m}$  in length and with an average aspect ratio of  
371 2:1 to 3:1; Fig. 6E), and show oscillatory zoning in CL. Most grains have a thick, dark-  
372 CL rim and areas of disrupted oscillatory zoning. Thirty-eight analyses were made on  
373 23 grains, of which 5 were identified as mixed zones in post-analytical CL imaging,  
374 and are therefore **excluded from further consideration**. Nineteen of the remaining  
375 analyses are either discordant or have high common Pb. Fourteen analyses are  
376 concordant (Tab.7; Fig.7E) and spread along the concordia with  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages  
377 ranging from 3749 Ma to 3517 Ma. Of these data, 2 analyses were obtained from a  
378 same bright-CL core with low U contents (44 and 22 ppm, respectively) and yield  
379  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages of 3749 Ma and 3675 Ma (Fig. 7E). Five analyses from oscillatory  
380 zoned cores, with  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages ranging from 3725 Ma to 3713 Ma form a  
381 significant cluster on concordia, with a weighted mean  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  age of  $3717\pm 6$  Ma  
382 (MSWD=2.4). Four concordant data (3703 Ma, 3696 Ma, 3691 Ma and 3517 Ma) are  
383 on areas of prismatic zircon in the cores of grains with morphologies and  
384 compositions similar to those which form the cluster at ca. 3717 Ma. Additionally,  
385 three analyses from dark-CL rims (Fig. 7E), with high U contents (936-1046 ppm)  
386 have  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages ranging from 3634 Ma to 3562 Ma.

387 Granitic gneiss sample L1467 from Maidmonts Island mostly contains subhedral,  
388 elongate zircon grains (up to 380  $\mu\text{m}$  in length, with an aspect ratio of 2:1 to 3:1; Fig.

389 6F). Some zircon grains have unzoned, dark-CL cores with distinct boundaries and  
390 surrounded by oscillatory zoned or unzoned zircon or else they are zoned with  
391 relatively bright CL cores showing a gradation to dark CL rims (Fig.6F). Twenty-eight  
392 analyses from 27 grains were obtained (Table 8; Fig. 7F), of which 11 are discordant  
393 or have high common Pb. Seventeen concordant data spread along concordia with  
394  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages ranging from 3328 Ma to 3256 Ma. These zircons have a range of U  
395 contents between 36 ppm and 1250 ppm, and Th/U ratios from 0.58 to 0.97. Of  
396 these, the 10 oldest concordant analyses yield a weighted mean  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  age of  
397  $3325\pm 3$  Ma (MSWD=1.4). The remaining seven concordant analyses have similar  
398 structure to the ca. 3325 Ma zircon but slightly younger ages, which are interpreted  
399 as being affected by Pb loss during later metamorphism at ca. 2.7 Ga.

## 400 7. Interpretation

### 401 7.1. Geochemistry

402 The grey gneisses in the Saglek Block are extensively recrystallised and deformed as  
403 a result of several later events, including upper amphibolite to granulite facies  
404 regional metamorphism (Collerson and Bridgwater 1979; Schiøtte et al. 1989a).  
405 Consequently, the primary magmatic composition of rocks may have been altered.  
406 Metamorphism and hydrothermal alteration can affect large ion lithophile elements  
407 (LILE), including Rb, Ba, K, Sr, Pb and Th, as well as light rare earth elements  
408 (LREE). In contrast, high field strength elements (HFSE) and heavy rare earth  
409 elements (HREE) are relatively immobile (Alderton et al. 1980; Ward et al. 1992;  
410 Condie and Sinha 1996; Polat and Hofmann 2003). However, on the REE chondrite-  
411 normalized trace element diagrams, the LREE display only limited variation between  
412 samples, suggesting these elements were relatively immobile on the whole rock  
413 scale.

414 The whole rock geochemistry, including major and trace element compositions,  
415 distinguishes two types of gneiss: TTG gneiss (L1411, L1443, L1444, L1463) and  
416 granitic gneiss (L1410, L1467). TTG gneisses vary from trondhjemitic to borderline  
417 granitic (Fig. 4D). These have strongly fractionated REE patterns without Eu  
418 anomalies, and have negative Nb, Ta, P and Ti anomalies. All of these features are  
419 typical of Archean TTG, although L1411 has a higher  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  content. In contrast, the

420 granitic gneisses L1410 and L1467 are characterized by higher Na<sub>2</sub>O/K<sub>2</sub>O ratios,  
421 extreme enrichment in LREE, high La/Yb ratios and negative Eu anomalies.

422 Experimental studies on partial melting of hydrous metabasalt as a source for TTG  
423 show that HFSEs are largely controlled by mineral assemblages in the restite. The  
424 fractionated REE pattern requires the presence of garnet in the source (Martin 1987;  
425 Drummond and Defant 1990; Rapp et al. 1991; Moyen and Stevens 2006) for which  
426 both garnet amphibolite (Foley et al. 2002) and eclogite residues (Rapp et al. 2003)  
427 provide reasonable solutions. The negative Nb, Ta and Ti anomalies have been  
428 attributed by Martin et al. (2005) and Hoffman et al. (2011) to the presence of  
429 residual amphibole and/or Fe-Ti oxides (rutile, ilmenite).

430 The lack of significant Eu anomalies in the four TTG samples (L1411, L1443, L1444,  
431 L1463) indicates that plagioclase was not stable in the residue. In contrast, samples  
432 L1410 and L1467 (granitic gneisses) have significant negative Eu anomalies, which  
433 indicate that there has been some role for plagioclase, either residual after partial  
434 melting and/or *via* fractional crystallization.

435 According to the Moyen (2011) classification, the TTG gneisses from Saglek Block  
436 belong to the medium-pressure (L1411, L1443) and high-pressure (L1444 and  
437 L1463) subgroups; both are TTG gneisses *sensu stricto*. Partial melting of mafic crust  
438 with residual amphibole and garnet, and little or no rutile or plagioclase, can produce  
439 the medium-pressure type of TTG. The high-pressure subgroup can be produced by  
440 the melting of mafic crust leaving residual garnet and rutile, with no amphibole or  
441 plagioclase. In contrast, the granitic gneisses (L1410 and L1467) with Eu anomalies,  
442 can be classified as high LREE, being transitional sodic (low-pressure) to potassic  
443 (higher LILE) types. The latter can be produced by partial melting within continental  
444 crust. This suggests that an earlier crustal component played an important role in  
445 formation of these two samples.

## 446 **7.2. Geochronology**

447 The oldest age population from the samples studied was found in trondhjemitic  
448 gneiss L1443 from Big Island (Fig. 6C) which yielded a magmatic age of 3746±5 Ma  
449 from oscillatory zoned zircon typical of that crystallized from a felsic magma.

450 Consequently, this age is interpreted as the crystallization age of the trondhjemitic  
451 orthogneiss protolith, with older analyses deriving from xenocrystic cores.

452 Sample L1463 from Little Island shows a more complex age distribution, with a range  
453 of  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages from 3749 to ~~3675~~ Ma, and a subpopulation of 5 oscillatory  
454 zoned, magmatic, cores that yielded a mean age of  $3717\pm 6$  Ma that we interpret as  
455 the time of protolith crystallization. Older cores are interpreted as xenocrystic zircon,  
456 whereas younger cores are interpreted as subsequent Pb loss. High U rims, typical of  
457 metamorphic zircon scatter around ca. 3.6 Ga and provide evidence of  
458 metamorphism and isotopic disturbance at this time. This corresponds to previous  
459 estimates for the timing of high-T metamorphism in the area (Schjøtte et al. 1989a,  
460 Sałacińska et al. 2018).

461 In the case of granitic gneiss sample L1411 from St John's Harbour no clear age for  
462 the igneous protolith was obtained. However, weakly zoned zircon ages scattered  
463 between 3753 Ma to 3602 Ma, if magmatic, suggest an age greater than ca. 3.6 Ga.  
464 The older, distinct high CL core yielded a xenocrystic age of ca. 3750 Ma.

465 The trondhjemitic gneiss sample L1444 from Big Island contains zircon with  
466 oscillatory zonation (Fig. 6D) typical of igneous growth, therefore the weighted mean  
467 age of  $3219\pm 7$  Ma, is interpreted as the age of the magmatic protolith. This age is  
468 significantly younger than other TTG gneisses, and corresponds to that of the Lister  
469 Gneiss (Schjøtte et al. 1989a).

470 Granitic gneiss sample L1410 from St John's Harbour contains zircon with CL-dark  
471 weakly zoned cores and distinct bright rims (Fig. 6A). The oldest weighted mean  
472  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  age of  $3318\pm 5$  Ma, interpreted as the crystallization age of the magmatic  
473 protolith, with scattered younger ages attributed to metamorphism at ca. 2725 Ma.  
474 Similarly, the oldest population of zircon from granitic gneiss L1467 from Maidmotts  
475 Island, which include oscillatory zoned and unzoned cores (Fig. 6F), yields a  
476 weighted mean  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  age of  $3325\pm 3$  Ma, which is interpreted as the time of  
477 granite emplacement.

478 These results show that the orthogneisses can be separated into two groups: an  
479 older set with Eoarchean magmatic ages and indication of metamorphism at ca. 3.6  
480 Ga; and two younger samples of granitic gneiss with ages of ca. 3.3 Ga. The former



481 are all grey orthogneisses and fit with published ages and descriptions of Uivak I  
482 gneiss (Kusiak et al. 2018; Sałacińska et al. 2018 and references therein). The two  
483 younger samples are of homogeneous grey gneiss (L1410) and porphyroblastic  
484 augen gneiss (L1467), but their geochemistry and zircon structures are similar and  
485 the equivalent ages ( $3318\pm 5$  Ma and  $3325\pm 3$  Ma, respectively) suggest that they  
486 were co-genetic. Taking into account intrusive relationships between porphyroblastic  
487 gneiss and grey gneiss observed in Maidmonts Island (Fig. 3), these younger  
488 samples are interpreted as Uivak II gneiss.

## 489 8. Discussion

490 The Eoarchean ( $>ca.$  3.6 Ga) Uivak Gneiss consists of a diverse group ranging from  
491 fine-grained to weakly porphyroblastic, homogenous to banded and of felsic  
492 composition. Igneous protoliths underwent metamorphism up to granulite facies,  
493 resulting in their gneissosity. From initial field observations (Bridgwater et al. 1975;  
494 Bridgwater and Collerson 1976; Collerson and Bridgwater 1979), as well as the  
495 detailed examination of zircons with complex core/mantle/rim structures (e.g.  
496 Schiøtte et al. 1989a, Sałacińska et al. 2018, and in this study), a high-T  
497 metamorphic event at  $ca.$  3.6 Ga was identified. This tectonothermal event pre-dates  
498 emplacement of the Uivak II gneiss. This is confirmed by our field observations on  
499 Maidmonts Island (Fig. 3), which show porphyritic granite (the precursor to Uivak II  
500 Gneiss) crosscutting strongly deformed grey gneiss (Uivak I Gneiss). The  $ca.$  3.75-  
501 3.70 Ga and  $ca.$  3.6 Ga events were also recognized as xenocrysts in  $ca.$  3.56 Ga  
502 monzonitic gneiss (Sałacińska et al. 2018), which therefore was intruded immediately  
503 after the formation of Uivak I Gneiss.

504 The protoliths of subsequent Paleoproterozoic gneisses formed during at least two  
505 unrelated magmatic events, at  $ca.$  3.3 Ga and  $ca.$  3.2 Ga. Emplacement of gneissic  
506 protoliths at 3.3 Ga was identified in this study, as well as by Krogh and Kamo (2006)  
507 and Komiya et al. (2017); (Fig. 8). The emplacement of gneissic protoliths at  $ca.$  3.2  
508 Ga has been identified as Lister Gneiss (Schiøtte et al. 1989a; Schiøtte et al. 1990).  
509 Both generations were grouped together as Lister Gneiss by Komiya et al. (2017).  
510 However, we distinguish these two generations on the basis of distinct ages and  
511 geochemistry.

512 The porphyroblastic gneiss collected from Maidmonts Island recorded an age of *ca.*  
513 3.32 Ga (sample L1467). Gneisses with similar ages were also identified from the St  
514 John's Harbour (sample L1410), Nulliak Island and the adjacent coast (Komiya et al.  
515 2017), and from Little Island (Krogh and Kamo 2006). All of these localities were  
516 mapped as Uivak II Gneiss in previous studies (Bridgwater et al. 1975; Hurst et al.  
517 1975; Bridgwater and Collerson 1976; Collerson and Bridgwater 1979). Intrusive  
518 relationships between *ca.* 3.3 Ga and older (Uivak I) gneisses were recognized on  
519 Maidmonts Island (Fig. 3) and Little Island (Krogh and Kamo 2006). The latter study  
520 identified *ca.* 3.35 Ga orthogneiss (DB82.12; a deformed porphyritic granodiorite) that  
521 locally crosscut the foliation of the grey gneiss host. The host (DB82.74.1; a  
522 moderately layered tonalitic to granodioritic gneiss) was dated by Schiøtte et al.  
523 (1989a) at *ca.* 3.73 Ga, consistent with the protoliths of Uivak I Gneiss. The  
524 occurrence of xenocrysts with ages of *ca.* 3.76 Ga (LAD282; Komiya et al. 2017) and  
525 *ca.* 3.83-3.66 Ga (TK-89-5; Krogh and Kamo 2006) in *ca.* 3.3 Ga gneisses, as well as  
526 the geochemistry presented here (Fig. 5), indicate crustal involvement in the  
527 petrogenesis of this suite. Age equivalents of *ca.* 3.3 Ga granitic gneisses from the  
528 Saglek Block are unknown in south West Greenland (Næraa et al. 2012). The Uivak  
529 II Gneiss was originally correlated with the *ca.* 3.6 Ga iron-rich suite of Amitsoq  
530 gneiss from the Nuuk region (Nutman et al. 1984), which contains a distinctive group  
531 of augen gneisses and ferrodiorites of mixed crustal and mantle origin. However, the  
532 new 3.3 Ga age disproves this correlation.

533 The TTG gneisses in this study include *ca.* 3.22 Ga trondhjemitic gneiss from Big  
534 Island (sample L1444), which has similar geochemical characteristics to the *ca.* 3.7  
535 Ga TTG gneisses. A lack of intrusive relationships between the older Uivak and  
536 younger Lister gneisses and a lack of Eoarchean xenocrystic zircon in *ca.* 3.2 Ga  
537 Lister gneiss (Schiøtte et al. 1989a; Schiøtte et al. 1990; Wasteneys et al. 1996;  
538 Komiya et al. 2017; this study), as well as the geochemistry, is consistent with the  
539 hypothesis that the *ca.* 3.2 and *ca.* 3.7 Ga crustal rocks were not associated prior to  
540 late Archean tectonometamorphism, in contrast to ~~hypothesis~~ proposed by  
541 Bridgwater and Schiøtte (1991) and Wasteneys et al. (1996).

542 Following the model of Moyen (2011), the protoliths of the early Archean gneiss in  
543 the Saglek Block could have formed by partial melting of mafic crust under medium  
544 or high pressure conditions, with garnet and rutile, but no plagioclase, in the restite.

545 The presence of xenocrystic zircons (Fig. 6B,E), with ages comparable to parts of the  
546 Uivak I gneiss, are evidence of an additional, local crustal component. Trace element  
547 patterns of the orthogneisses from both the Saglek Block and south West Greenland  
548 are broadly similar, however individual samples display a different degree of REE  
549 fractionation (Fig. 5). Hoffman et al. (2011) has proposed a tectonic model involving  
550 re-melting of thickened island-arc crust in a vertical tectonic regime for the generation  
551 of medium pressure TTG. However, the higher pressure TTG with stronger REE  
552 fractionation patterns found in some Saglek samples bear a resemblance to ca. 3.7  
553 Ga TTG in the Tarim Craton in northwestern China (Ge et al. 2018). According to Ge  
554 et al. (2018), the origin of high pressure TTG can be interpreted as a result of partial  
555 melting of a subducted proto-arc during arc accretion. Further investigation into the  
556 geochemistry of the Saglek Block will be needed to determine the relative importance  
557 of these petrogenetic scenarios.

## 558 9. Reassignment of units

559 Considering the ambiguity of the Uivak II Gneiss definition in previous literature,  
560 together with our new results presented here, we proposed a re-definition of gneissic  
561 nomenclature in the Saglek Block as follows:

562 **Uivak Gneiss**, previously called “early grey gneisses” (Bridgwater et al. 1975),  
563 “Uivak I gneiss” (Bridgwater and Collerson 1976) and “Uivak A-E Gneisses” (Komiya  
564 et al. 2017) is a diverse group of Eoarchean TTG gneisses whose protoliths formed  
565 in a series of unrelated magmatic events (Fig. 8), with some evidence of crustal  
566 reworking, and affected by at least one major period of deformation and  
567 metamorphism prior to intrusion of the Maidmonts Gneiss (formerly part of the ‘Uivak  
568 II Gneiss’). This early Archean tectonothermal event occurred at ca. 3.6 Ga  
569 (Sałacińska et al. 2018 and references therein).

570 **Maidmonts Gneiss**, previously called “Uivak II augen gneiss” (Bridgwater and  
571 Collerson 1976) is a ca. 3.3 Ga crustally-contaminated granitoid that post-dates both  
572 formation of Eoarchean TTG gneisses and the ca. 3.6 Ga tectonothermal event (Fig.  
573 8). It includes porphyritic and non-porphyritic granitoids intruded prior to  
574 metamorphism and deformation in the late Archean. The type area is on the western  
575 side of Maidmonts Island.

576 The previous definition of the **Lister Gneiss** (Schjøtte et al. 1989a) remains  
577 unchanged. This is a *ca.* 3.2 Ga granitoid gneiss (Fig. 8), occurring within Eoarchean  
578 Uivak Gneiss in the amphibolite-facies domain to the east of the Handy Fault. It is  
579 commonly indistinguishable in the field from Uivak Gneiss due to lack of intrusive  
580 relationships between these two units. The type locality is Lister Island. The 3.2-3.4  
581 Ga gneisses grouped together by Komiya et al. (2017) as Lister Gneiss may in fact  
582 represent samples from both Lister and Maidmonts Gneiss.

583 Whilst our data do not preclude prolonged granitoid formation in the Eoarchean as  
584 suggested by Komiya et al. (2017), other published, more precise, zircon age data  
585 indicate that the formation of the Uivak Gneiss was, in fact, episodic.

## 586 **10. Conclusions**

587 Early Archean gneisses in the Saglek Block, previously called “Uivak I Gneiss”,  
588 represent different generations of magmatism over an interval between *ca.* 3.9 Ga  
589 and 3.6 Ga, with major magmatic events occurring between 3.75 Ga and 3.70 Ga,  
590 prior to tectonothermal activity at *ca.* 3.6 Ga. These include TTG gneisses with  
591 evidence of significant input resulting from crustal reworking, as indicated by  
592 xenocrystic zircon. Results show that the porphyroblastic gneisses on Maidmonts  
593 Islands, previously assigned to “Uivak II Gneiss”, were derived from a granite  
594 protolith emplaced after *ca.* 3.6 Ga tectonometamorphic event at *ca.* 3.3 Ga. Grey  
595 granitic gneisses of the same age and geochemistry are found elsewhere in the  
596 Saglek area and are considered to be co-genetic. We propose a re-definition of so-  
597 called “Uivak II Gneiss”, naming it “Maidmonts Gneiss”, after a type locality on  
598 Maidmonts Island. Lister Gneiss is a distinctive generation of tonalitic gneiss whose  
599 protolith formed at *ca.* 3.2 Ga, but with an unknown relationship to the older gneisses.  
600 Consequently, we define the Uivak Gneiss to represent all TTG generated before the  
601 *ca.* 3.6 Ga tectonothermal event.

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815 **Figures:**

816 Figure 1. Geological map of northeast Labrador from Ramah Bay to Hebron Fjord, modified after  
817 Wardle et al. (1997). Sample locations for this and previous studies are represented by symbols: 1 –  
818 Schiøtte et al. (1989a); 2 – Krogh and Kamo (2006); 3 – Komiya et al. (2017); 4 – Shimojo et al.  
819 (2016); 5 – Kusiak et al. (2018); 6 – Sałacińska et al. (2018); 7 – Dunkley et al. (submitted); 8 –  
820 Wasteneys et al. (1996).

821 Figure 2. Sample localities of gneisses in the Saglek Block: A – homogenous fine-grained gneiss  
822 L1410 from St John's Harbour; B – banded grey gneiss L1411 from St John's Harbour; C – weakly  
823 porphyroblastic gneiss L1443 from Big Island; D – homogenous fine-grained gneiss L1444 from Big  
824 Island; E – grey gneiss (L1463) cut by segmented mafic dyke and intruded by syn-tectonic granite,  
825 which is deformed into a late gneissosity that transposes the earlier gneissosity on Little Island; F –  
826 deformed and transposed contacts between porphyroclastic gneiss (L1467), grey gneiss and  
827 granitoid on Maidmots Island.

828 Figure 3. A – **Geological map of Maidmots Island** showing sample location modified after Ryan and  
829 Martineau (2012). B – location of porphyroclastic gneiss, which intrudes earlier gneissosity in strongly  
830 laminated pale grey gneiss on Maidmots Island. All gneisses are cut by K-feldspar-rich pegmatite and  
831 granodioritic dyke. C – location of intrusive relationship between originally porphyritic granite and fine-  
832 grained grey gneisses on the west coast of Maidmots Island. Porphyroclastic gneiss intrudes strongly  
833 laminated pale grey gneiss. Green line – fault; red line – intrusive contact between Uivak I and Uivak  
834 II; blue line – granitic to granodioritic dykes intruded along faults.

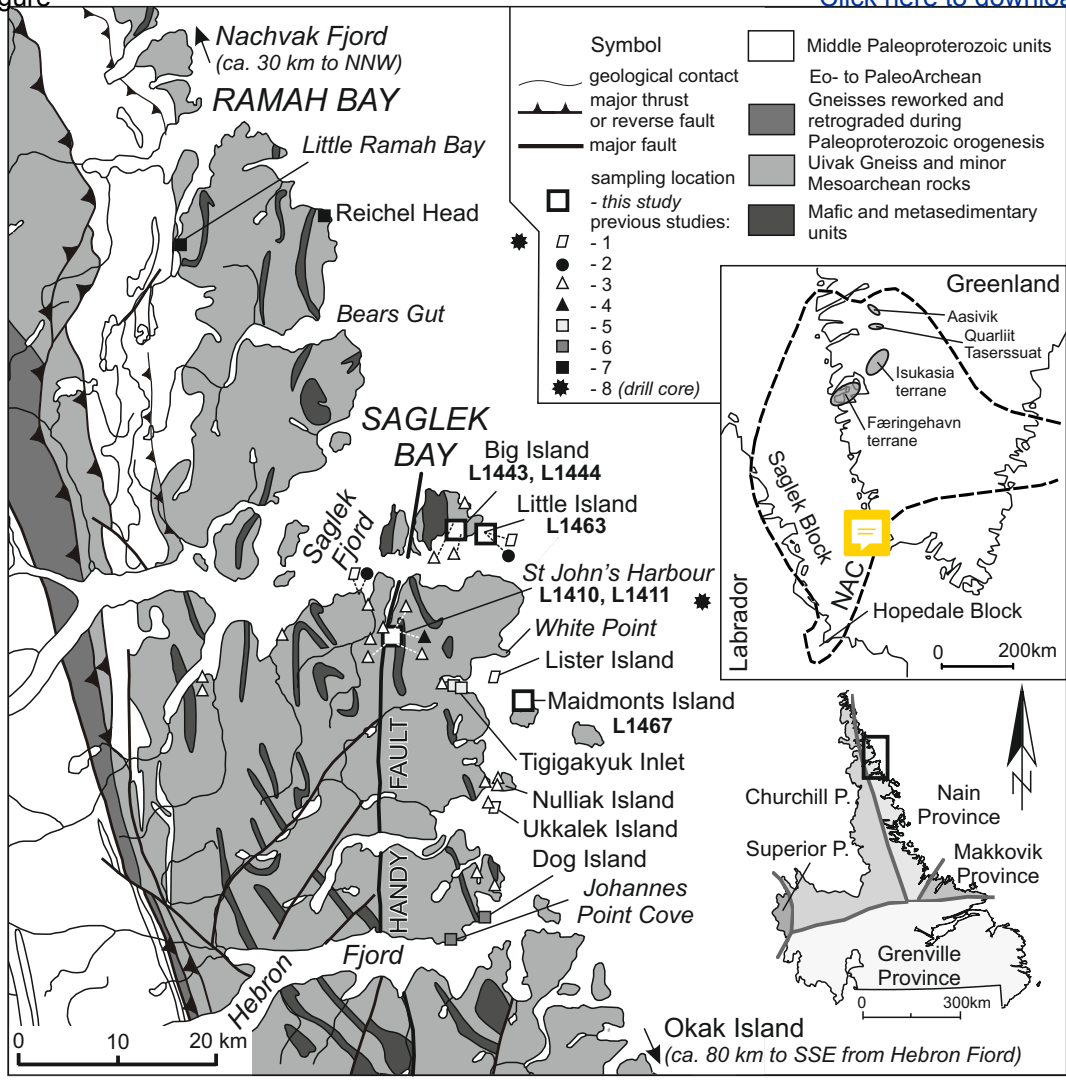
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836 silica (TAS) diagram (Middlemost 1994); B – A/CNK vs A/NK plot of Shand (1943); C – AFM diagram  
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838 – An–Ab–Or triangle (Barker 1979; after O'Connor 1965). Data from previous studies are from  
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843 normalized diagram. B –  $(\text{La}/\text{Yb})_N$  vs.  $\text{Yb}_N$  diagram (modified after Martin 1993, and Condie 2005). C –  
844 Chondrite-normalized REE diagram. Normalization values from McDonough and Sun (1995). Data for  
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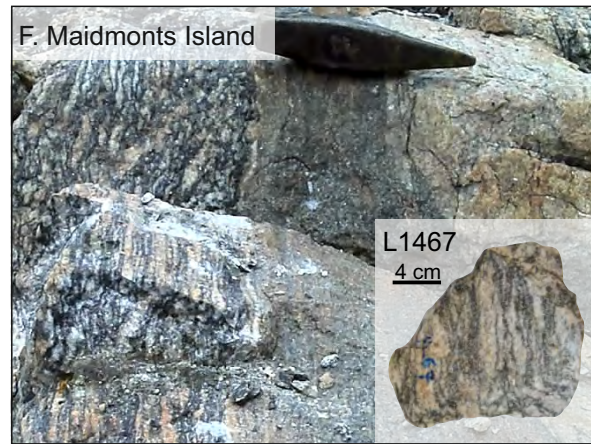
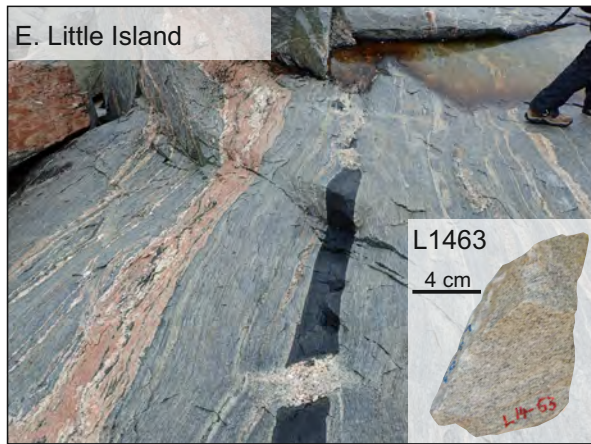
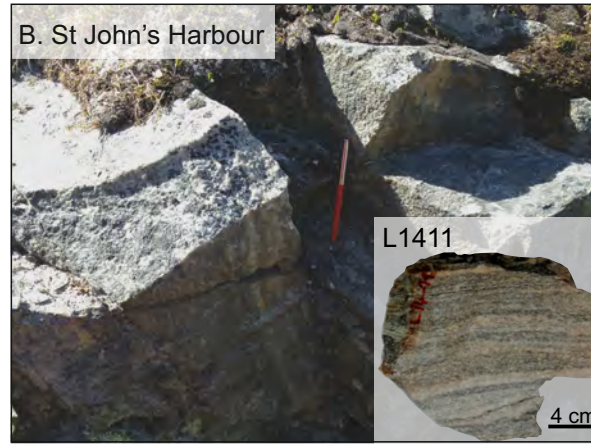
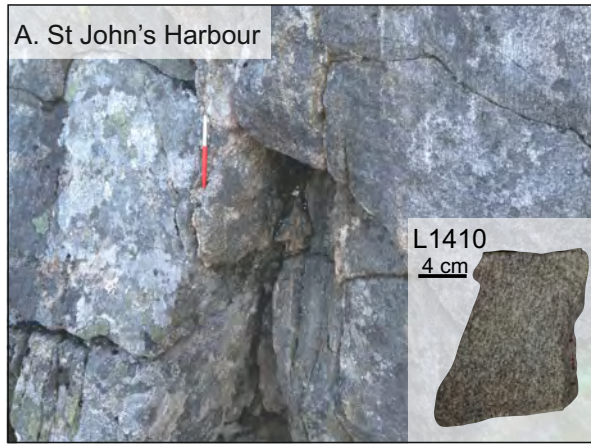
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849 sample L1444; E – sample L1463; F – sample L1467. Ages ( $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ); c – high common Pb (>1%);  
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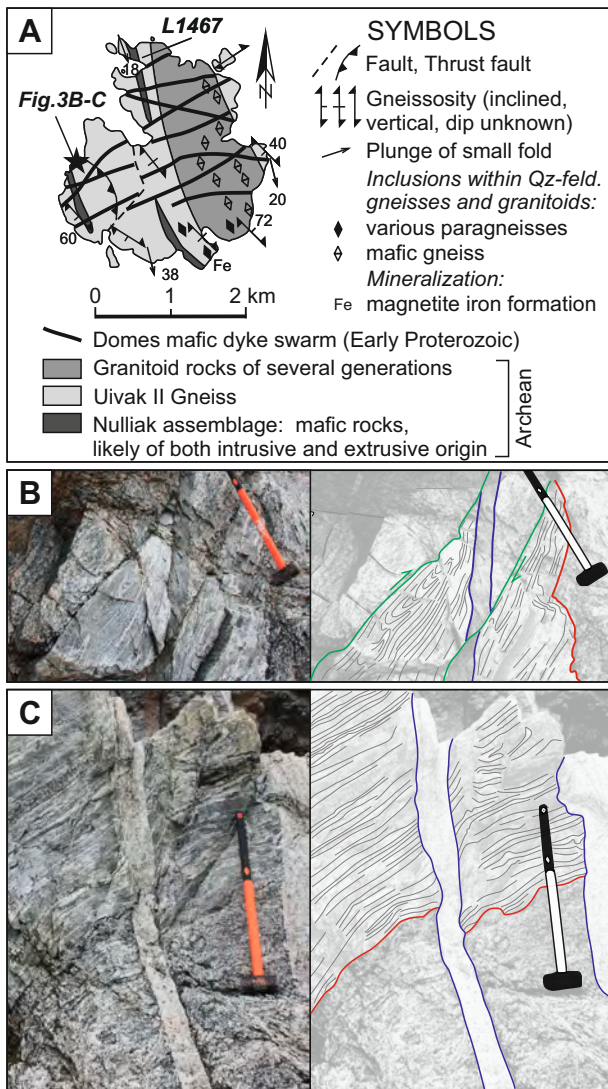
851 Figure 7. SIMS zircon analyses using Tera-Wasserburg plots; A – L1410; B – L1411; C – L1443; D –  
852 L1444; E – L1463; F – L1467. Black ellipse – concordant data (<5%); grey ellipse – discordant data  
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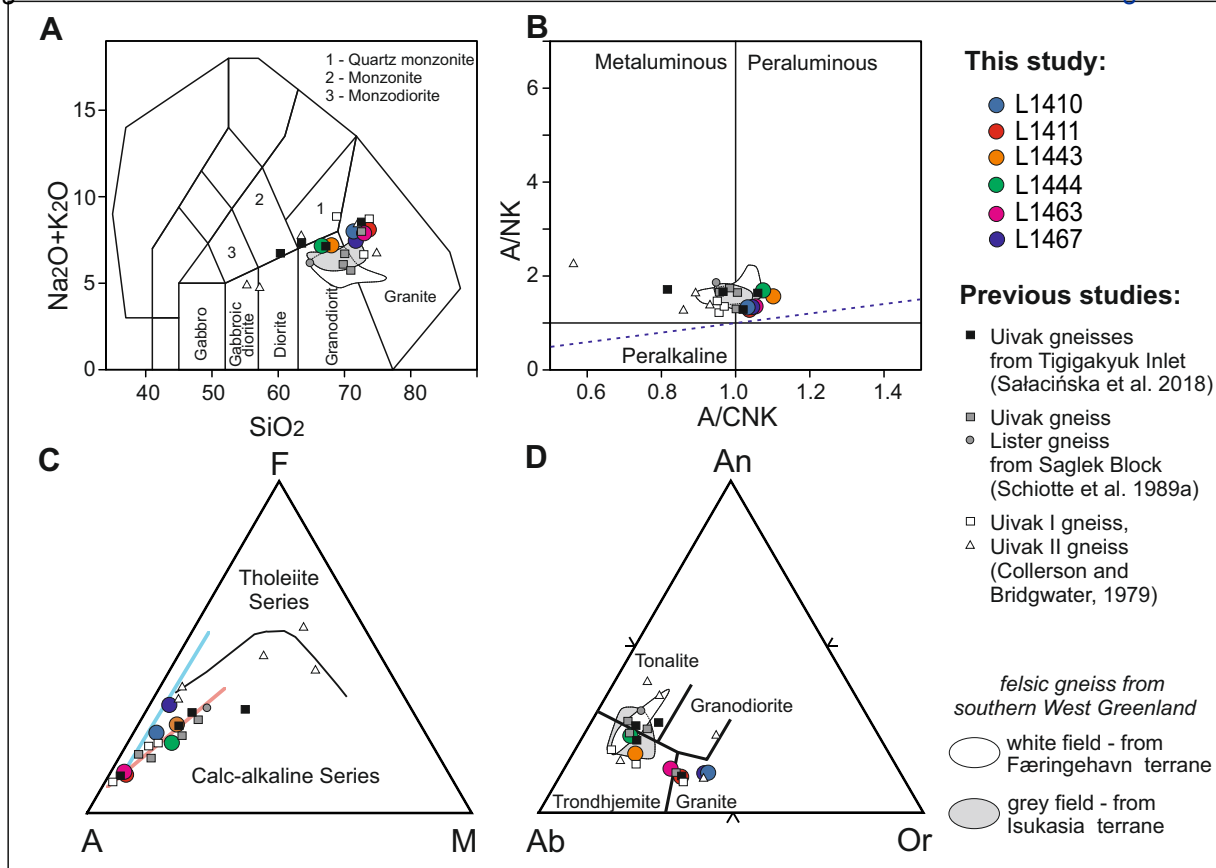
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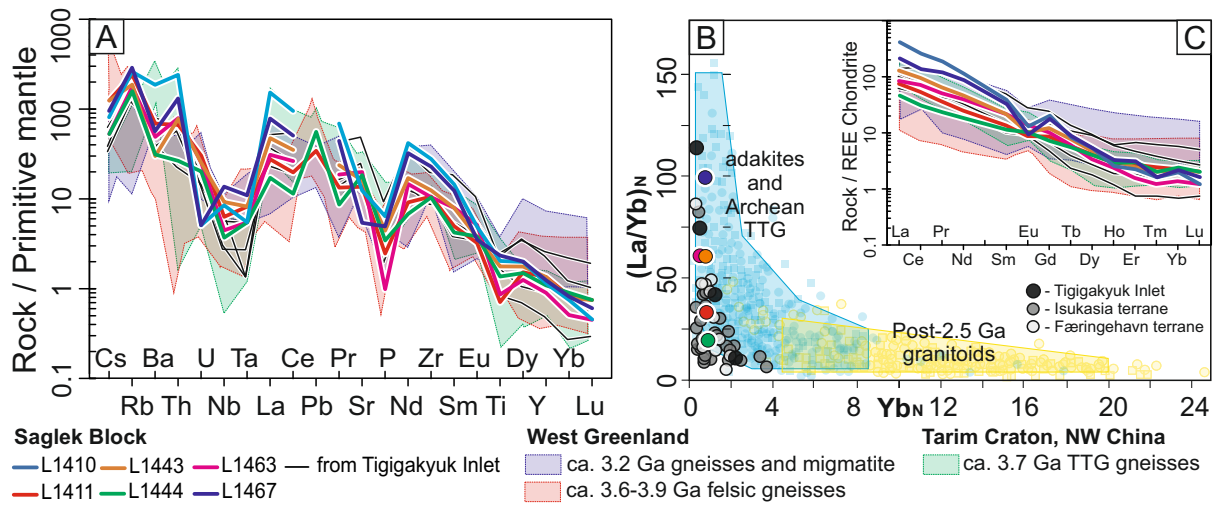




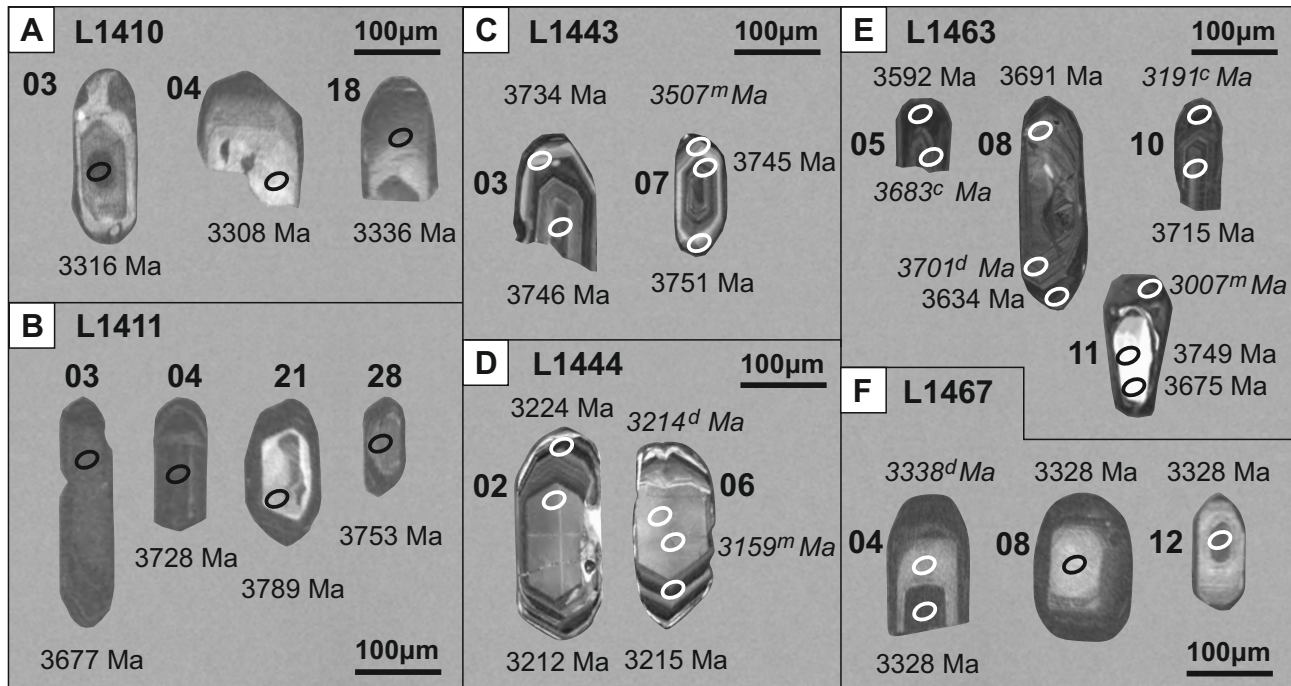


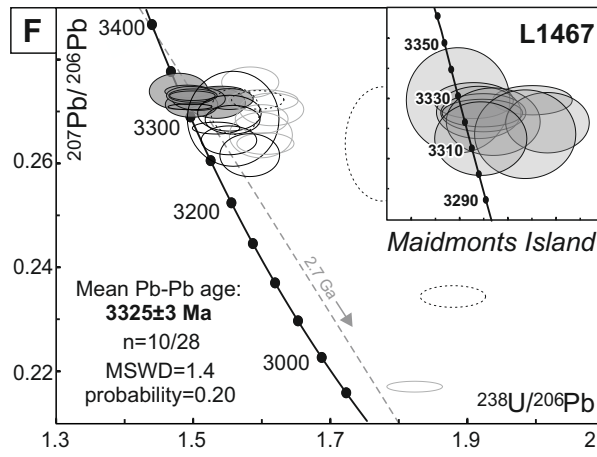
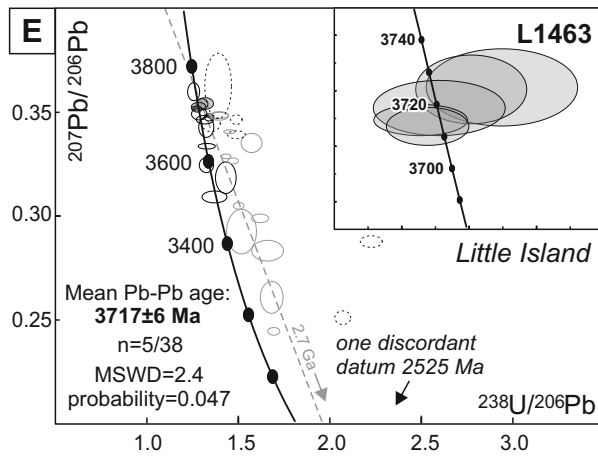
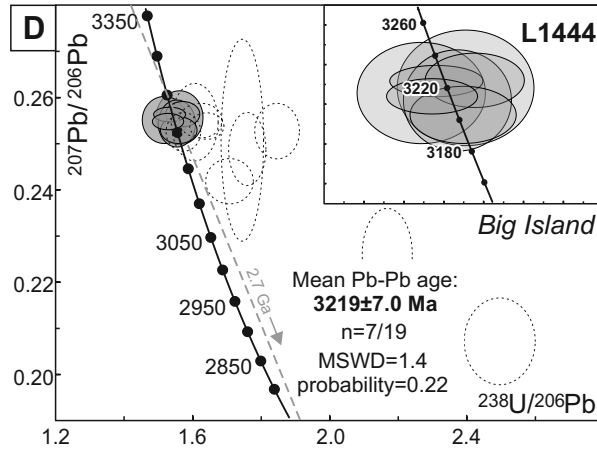
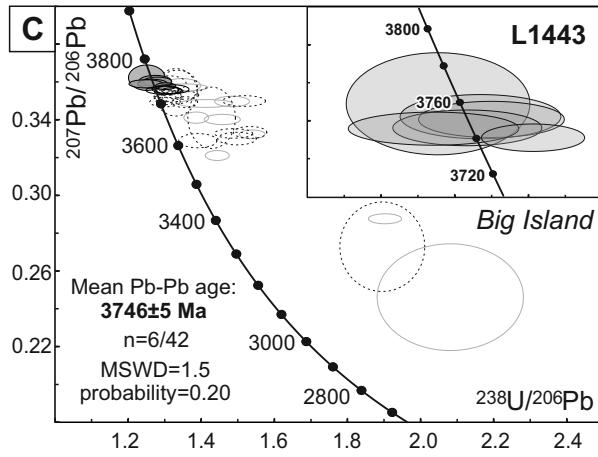
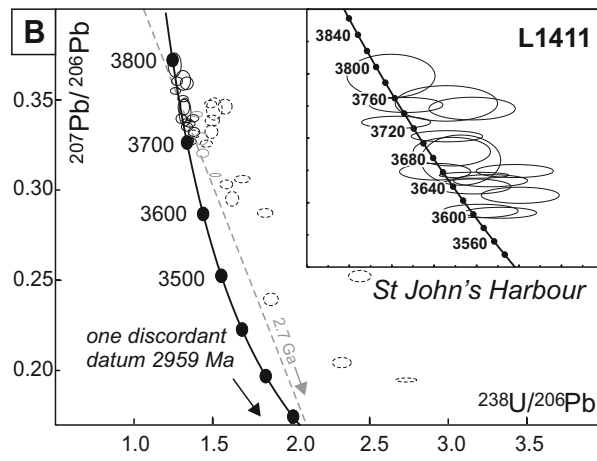
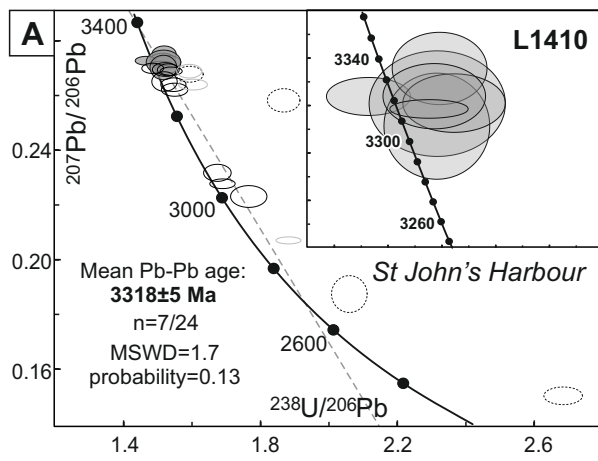


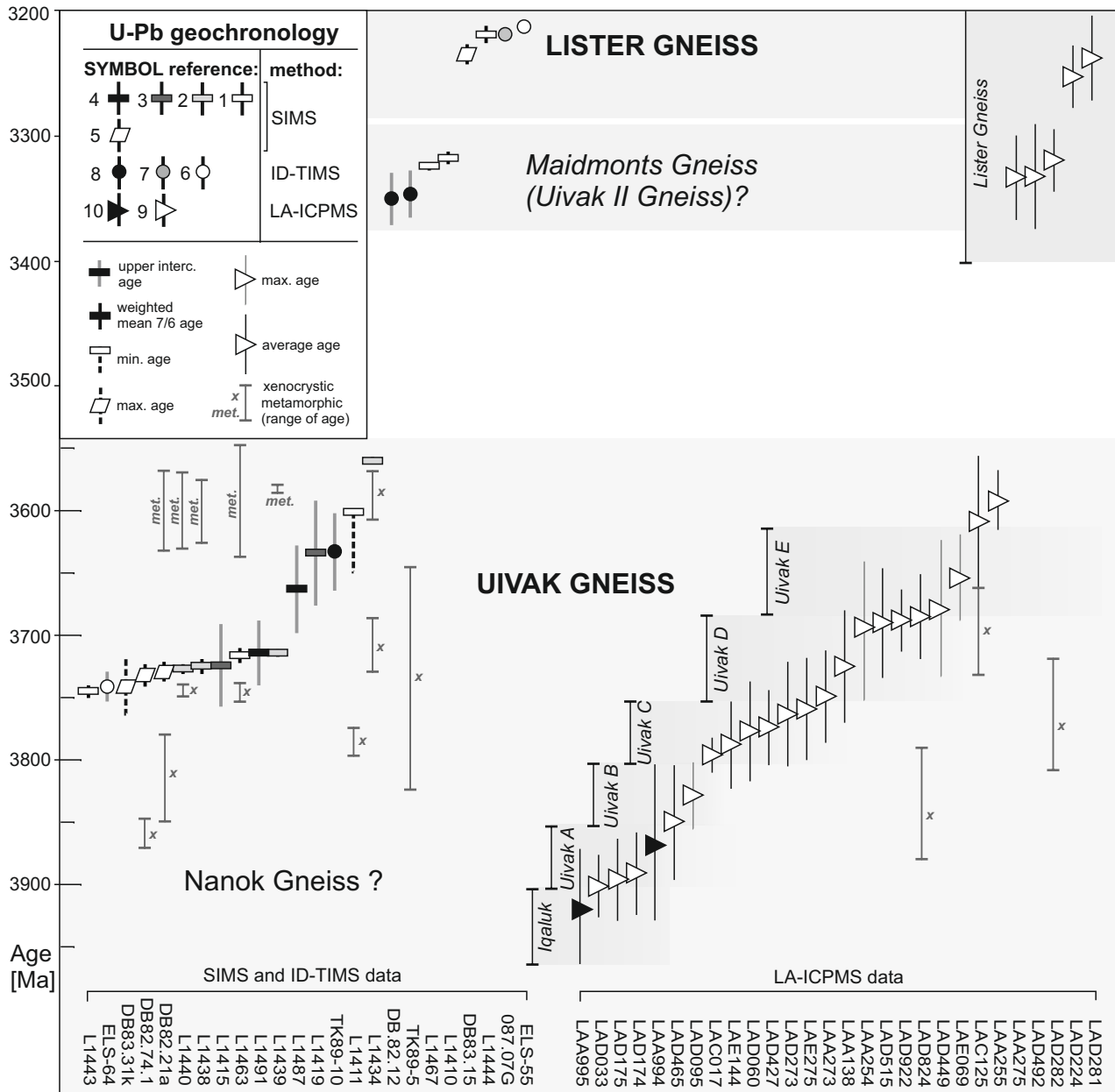












**Table 1. Sample locations and modal mineral assemblages**

Sample	Type	locality	latitude	longitude	Qz	Pl	Afs	Hbl	Bt	Py	Chl	Ser	Ep	Zrn	Ap
L1410	granitic orthogneiss	St John's Harbour	58°26,76'N	62°47,53'W	•••	•••	••		••		2°	2°	2°	•	•
L1411	granitic orthogneiss	St John's Harbour	58°26,76'N	62°47,43'W	•••	•••	••		••		2°	2°		•	•
L1443	trondhjemitic orthogneiss	Big Island	58°32,55'N	62°40,60'W	•••	•••	••		••		2°	2°		•	•
L1444	trondhjemitic orthogneiss	Big Island	58°32,79'N	62°41,07'W	•••	•••	••	••	••		2°	2°		•	•
L1463	trondhjemitic orthogneiss	Little Island	58°32,06'N	62°38,64'W	•••	•••	•••		••		2°	2°	2°	•	•
L1467	granitic orthogneiss	Maidmonts Island	58°23,28'N	62°33,55'W	•••	•••	••		••	••	2°	2°	2°	•	•

major (•••), minor (••) and accessory (•) amounts, (2°) secondary mineral. Qz, quartz; Pl, plagioclase; Afs, alkali feldspar; Hbl, hornblende; Bt, biotite; Py, pyrite; Chl, chlorite; Ser, sericite; Ep, epidote; Zrn, zircon; Ap, apatite.

**Table 2. Whole-rock major and trace element compositions of gneisses from the Saglek Block**

<b>sample</b>	<b>L1410</b>	<b>L1411</b>	<b>L1443</b>	<b>L1444</b>	<b>L1463</b>	<b>L1467</b>
<b>SiO<sub>2</sub></b>	70.81	73.7	66.53	66.00	72.26	71.22
<b>TiO<sub>2</sub></b>	0.40	0.14	0.35	0.27	0.17	0.46
<b>Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub></b>	14.37	14.6	16.61	18.5	15.13	13.54
<b>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub></b>	3.09	1.28	3.33	2.48	1.31	4.31
<b>MnO</b>	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.05
<b>MgO</b>	0.67	0.45	1.17	1.19	0.37	0.61
<b>CaO</b>	1.76	1.51	2.49	3.49	1.79	1.60
<b>Na<sub>2</sub>O</b>	3.79	4.53	5.17	5.66	4.65	3.62
<b>K<sub>2</sub>O</b>	4.13	3.56	1.87	1.43	3.17	3.77
<b>P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub></b>	0.13	0.05	0.09	0.07	0.02	0.10
<b>LOI</b>	0.60	0.26	2.20	1.21	1.00	0.60
<b>Cs</b>	1.7	2.6	2.6	1.1	1.1	2.0
<b>Rb</b>	157	144	112	94	106	174
<b>Ba</b>	1232	451	196	204	321	372
<b>Nb</b>	5.5	4.1	6.0	2.4	2.9	8.9
<b>Ta</b>	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
<b>Sr</b>	244	269	316	362	392	106
<b>Zr</b>	290	110	129	108	108	238
<b>Y</b>	4.8	5.7	5.7	4.6	3.8	5.2
<b>Hf</b>	7.2	3.3	3.5	2.6	3.6	6.3
<b>Ni</b>	<20	1.4	<20	9.2	<20	<20
<b>V</b>	22	18	37	37	17	30
<b>Pb</b>	n.a.	5.1	n.a.	8.3	n.a.	n.a.
<b>U</b>	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1
<b>Th</b>	19.3	5.3	6.2	2.1	6.3	10.5
<b>La</b>	99.10	17.70	30.50	11.00	19.90	50.70
<b>Ce</b>	159.4	32.7	58.2	18.9	43.7	84.5
<b>Pr</b>	17.46	3.35	5.97	2.17	4.69	11.18
<b>Nd</b>	52	11.3	21.1	8.4	18.1	40.1
<b>Sm</b>	5.82	1.99	3.18	1.69	3.19	4.96
<b>Eu</b>	0.74	0.49	0.57	0.58	0.78	0.53
<b>Gd</b>	4.07	1.7	2.41	1.43	2.02	3.55
<b>Tb</b>	0.30	0.21	0.28	0.20	0.22	0.32
<b>Dy</b>	1.31	1.01	1.17	0.99	0.83	1.32
<b>Ho</b>	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.16	0.13	0.18
<b>Er</b>	0.36	0.43	0.39	0.48	0.25	0.5
<b>Tm</b>	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.04
<b>Yb</b>	0.32	0.36	0.34	0.39	0.22	0.35
<b>Lu</b>	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.04
<b>K<sub>2</sub>O/Na<sub>2</sub>O</b>	1.09	0.79	0.36	0.25	0.68	1.04
<b>La/Yb</b>	309.7	49.2	49.2	28.2	90.5	144.9
<b>Eu/Eu*</b>	0.46	0.81	0.63	1.14	0.94	0.39

Table 3. SIMS U-Th-Pb data for sample L1410, n5691 from St John's Harbour

Sample <sup>1</sup> spot #	U ppm	Th ppm	Pb ppm	Th/U	f <sup>206</sup> Pb <sup>2</sup> %	Disc. %	Ratios <sup>3</sup>				Ages <sup>3</sup>			
							<sup>238</sup> U/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ	<sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>238</sup> U	±σ
n5691-18c	66	30	60.8	0.43	0.05	-2.8	1.5183	0.95	0.275125	0.45	3335	7	3262	24
n5691-10c	42	27	40.2	0.61	{0.02}	-2.1	1.5143	1.03	0.272785	0.41	3322	6	3269	26
n5691-09c	130	104	131.2	0.81	0.06	1.2	1.4654	0.87	0.272767	0.24	3322	4	3354	23
n5691-06c2	52	38	49.7	0.73	{0.03}	-2.9	1.5291	1.02	0.272206	0.37	3319	6	3244	26
n5691-05c	27	17	25.7	0.61	{0.07}	-2.1	1.5166	1.37	0.272157	0.67	3318	10	3265	35
n5691-03c	622	604	630.0	0.96	0.15	-1.6	1.5104	0.79	0.271711	0.12	3316	2	3275	20
n5691-04c	37	19	34.2	0.52	{0.02}	-1.6	1.5163	1.06	0.270256	0.68	3308	11	3265	27
n5691-13c	87	72	87.1	0.82	{0.01}	0.5	1.4849	0.87	0.269973	0.28	3306	4	3319	23
n5691-16c	50	38	48.2	0.75	{0.02}	-1.8	1.5208	0.98	0.269540	0.38	3303	6	3258	25
n5691-07r	98	57	91.1	0.57	0.08	-2.4	1.5303	0.85	0.269434	0.34	3303	5	3242	22
n5691-14r	140	72	127.9	0.51	0.04	-2.8	1.5386	0.86	0.268936	0.23	3300	4	3228	22
n5691-17c	104	75	99.5	0.72	0.05	-0.7	1.5194	0.99	0.265118	0.55	3277	9	3260	25
n5691-20c	51	32	47.3	0.63	{0.05}	-2.1	1.5453	0.98	0.263970	0.38	3271	6	3217	25
n5691-15c	61	40	56.7	0.65	{0.02}	-1.9	1.5490	1.02	0.262144	0.37	3260	6	3211	26
n5691-21c1	53	52	47.5	0.96	{0.05}	-1.8	1.6739	0.98	0.231761	0.55	3064	9	3019	24
n5691-01c	97	51	78.1	0.50	0.06	-1.6	1.6888	0.90	0.227751	0.32	3036	5	2998	22
n5691-21c2	39	38	32.7	0.97	0.07	-4.6	1.7655	1.23	0.223141	0.73	3003	12	2893	29
<b>&gt;5% disc.</b>														
n5691-19c	53	30	47.5	0.51	0.08	-6.0	1.5916	0.94	0.268938	0.38	3300	6	3143	23
n5691-06c1	90	52	79.2	0.54	0.26	-5.6	1.6027	1.07	0.264031	0.31	3271	5	3126	27
n5691-11c	590	7	378.8	0.01	0.18	-5.8	1.8816	0.79	0.207074	0.25	2883	4	2748	18
<b>high common Pb (&gt;1%)</b>														
n5691-14c	47	28	42.1	0.53	1.04	-5.8	1.5925	1.02	0.267817	0.44	3293	7	3141	25
n5691-02c	45	27	34.5	0.51	1.54	-17.9	1.8676	1.04	0.258281	0.67	3236	11	2764	23
n5691-12c	37	38	26.9	1.06	7.13	-7.5	2.0596	1.03	0.187479	1.47	2720	24	2551	22
n5691-08c	1048	458	494.2	0.35	1.92	-15.3	2.6846	0.86	0.150279	0.87	2349	15	2041	15

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<sup>2</sup>Percentage of common <sup>206</sup>Pb in measured <sup>206</sup>Pb, calculated from the <sup>204</sup>Pb signal assuming a present-day Stacey & Kramers (1975) model terrestrial Pb-isotope composition.

<sup>3</sup>Values corrected for common Pb.

**Table 4. SIMS U-Th-Pb data for sample L1411, n5695 from St John's Harbour**

Sample <sup>1</sup> spot #	U ppm	Th ppm	Pb ppm	Th/U	f <sup>206</sup> Pb <sup>2</sup> %	Disc. %	Ratios <sup>3</sup>				Ages <sup>3</sup>			
							<sup>238</sup> U/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ	<sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>238</sup> U	±σ
n5695-21c	50	15	57.4	0.24	0.42	-0.7	1.2594	1.35	0.369323	0.74	3789	11	3768	39
n5695-28c	148	44	161.6	0.27	0.12	-3.5	1.3115	1.50	0.360786	0.62	3753	9	3653	42
n5695-12c	180	101	212.3	0.54	0.37	-0.5	1.2737	1.11	0.360297	0.26	3751	4	3735	32
n5695-17c	164	55	175.7	0.27	0.32	-5.0	1.3358	1.25	0.359181	0.40	3746	6	3602	34
n5695-4c	569	437	696.4	0.75	0.10	1.0	1.2641	1.05	0.354920	0.22	3728	3	3757	30
n5695-7c	299	178	339.1	0.52	0.32	-2.0	1.3121	1.05	0.350588	0.20	3710	3	3652	29
n5695-13c	998	329	1079.4	0.30	0.26	-1.6	1.3167	1.13	0.345822	0.53	3689	8	3642	32
n5695-3c	249	122	275.4	0.46	0.10	-1.9	1.3252	1.16	0.343184	0.93	3677	14	3624	32
n5695-14c	234	159	246.1	0.40	0.45	-5.0	1.3760	1.08	0.339806	0.24	3662	4	3521	29
n5695-31c	397	111	429.0	0.26	0.10	0.5	1.3010	1.05	0.339603	0.31	3661	5	3676	30
n5695-25r	1076	468	1152.3	0.35	0.60	-2.0	1.3375	1.00	0.338496	0.11	3656	2	3599	28
n5695-6c	754	293	792.7	0.32	0.23	-2.9	1.3530	1.06	0.336788	0.23	3648	3	3567	29
n5695-5r	290	61	298.6	0.16	0.14	-1.4	1.3370	1.08	0.335013	0.28	3640	4	3600	30
n5695-30c	354	160	365.8	0.35	0.73	-4.2	1.3813	1.09	0.332274	0.31	3628	5	3511	30
n5695-5c	292	86	304.4	0.27	0.09	-0.7	1.3438	1.08	0.327402	0.26	3605	4	3586	30
n5695-24c	736	192	744.0	0.19	0.36	-2.0	1.3625	1.02	0.326837	0.21	3602	3	3548	28
<b>&gt;5% disc.</b>														
n5695-25c	375	181	382.4	0.30	0.86	-6.9	1.4001	1.04	0.341983	0.19	3672	3	3474	28
n5695-29c	146	25	138.7	0.09	0.39	-6.8	1.4295	1.21	0.328403	0.42	3610	6	3419	32
n5695-26c	638	156	605.1	0.15	0.42	-6.0	1.4375	1.08	0.320394	0.30	3572	5	3404	29
n5695-9r	1163	386	1057.4	0.25	0.66	-9.0	1.5173	1.00	0.308317	0.12	3513	2	3264	26
n5695-20r	2805	118	730.1	0.01	0.97	-28.5	4.2830	1.02	0.111410	0.40	1823	7	1353	12
<b>high common Pb (&gt;1%)</b>														
n5695-9c	314	169	303.9	0.31	1.45	-13.2	1.4872	1.05	0.347611	0.25	3697	4	3315	27
n5695-22c	156	127	136.9	0.14	2.53	-18.1	1.5801	1.16	0.346240	0.49	3691	7	3161	29
n5695-18c	88	53	80.9	0.14	6.00	-14.1	1.5106	1.36	0.344910	0.73	3685	11	3275	35
n5695-15c	141	65	134.0	0.28	1.05	-12.6	1.4985	1.25	0.338494	0.36	3656	5	3296	32
n5695-19c1	158	80	146.6	0.19	1.79	-11.4	1.4932	1.12	0.332296	0.45	3628	7	3305	29

n5695-19c2	413	134	418.3	0.26	1.35	-4.0	1.3823	1.06	0.331061	0.27	3622	4	3509	29
n5695-1c	287	107	272.9	0.21	1.10	-8.3	1.4602	1.07	0.325739	0.24	3597	4	3363	28
n5695-27c	660	259	518.7	0.07	1.78	-17.9	1.6896	1.21	0.306035	0.27	3501	4	2997	29
n5695-10c	414	78	346.0	0.08	1.08	-12.2	1.5871	1.06	0.303143	0.33	3486	5	3150	26
n5695-16c	435	141	354.9	0.10	3.13	-12.9	1.6248	1.04	0.295130	0.55	3445	9	3092	26
n5695-8c	540	173	387.7	0.09	1.26	-21.6	1.8353	1.09	0.287292	0.35	3403	5	2804	25
n5695-20c	354	367	184.7	0.04	5.85	-36.2	2.4375	1.20	0.252296	0.50	3199	8	2216	23
n5695-23c	979	253	664.4	0.10	1.31	-14.0	1.8711	1.02	0.239411	0.60	3116	10	2760	23
n5695-2c	1645	174	863.7	0.04	1.56	-22.9	2.3223	1.06	0.204289	0.57	2861	9	2308	21
n5695-11c	2741	996	1290.0	0.23	1.94	-32.2	2.7332	1.00	0.194611	0.23	2782	4	2010	17

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<sup>2</sup>Percentage of common <sup>206</sup>Pb in measured <sup>206</sup>Pb, calculated from the <sup>204</sup>Pb signal assuming a present-day Stacey & Kramers (1975) model terrestrial Pb-isotope composition.

<sup>3</sup>Values corrected for common Pb.

**Table 5. SIMS U-Th-Pb data for sample L1443, n5536 from Big Island**

Sample <sup>1</sup> spot #	U ppm	Th ppm	Pb ppm	Th/U	f <sup>206</sup> Pb <sup>2</sup> %	Disc. %	Ratios <sup>3</sup>				Ages <sup>3</sup>			
							<sup>238</sup> U/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ	<sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>238</sup> U	±σ
n5536-06c2	149	64	176.1	0.45	0.03	1.0	1.2510	1.63	0.362237	0.76	3759	11	3787	47
n5536-9c	421	290	508.1	0.67	0.41	-0.6	1.2740	1.40	0.360534	0.33	3752	5	3735	40
n5536-03r2	179	42	199.1	0.25	0.02	-1.0	1.2799	1.26	0.360166	0.27	3751	4	3722	36
n5536-07r	363	30	396.2	0.09	0.01	0.2	1.2669	1.30	0.359058	0.27	3746	4	3751	37
n5536-03c	266	148	320.9	0.57	0.01	1.7	1.2485	1.51	0.358953	0.25	3745	4	3793	44
n5536-14c	421	96	458.2	0.23	0.51	-2.4	1.3025	0.88	0.357765	0.21	3740	3	3672	25
n5536-07c	310	208	361.3	0.67	0.15	-3.1	1.3160	1.57	0.356160	0.27	3734	4	3644	44
n5536-14r	127	37	138.8	0.29	{0.01}	-2.5	1.3081	0.93	0.355755	0.26	3732	4	3661	26
n5536-12c2	153	92	178.6	0.61	0.22	-1.7	1.2973	1.53	0.355614	0.24	3731	4	3684	43
n5536-10c	218	83	240.2	0.36	0.68	-3.3	1.3203	0.89	0.355352	0.19	3730	3	3635	25
<b>&gt;5% disc.</b>														
n5536-19c	329	201	371.6	0.59	0.53	-5.6	1.3469	1.57	0.358136	0.42	3742	6	3580	43
n5536-02c	250	109	271.8	0.41	0.70	-6.0	1.3535	1.94	0.357122	0.21	3738	3	3566	53



n5536-1c	261	201	262.3	0.47	0.92	-13.3	1.4844	1.31	0.349673	0.32	3706	5	3320	34
n5536-02r1	276	43	270.7	0.12	0.15	-8.7	1.4122	2.12	0.348604	0.25	3701	4	3451	57
n5536-17c	349	175	372.8	0.50	0.82	-5.9	1.3861	0.99	0.341106	0.36	3668	5	3501	27
n5536-04c	211	80	207.0	0.31	0.70	-10.3	1.4575	1.39	0.340138	0.32	3663	5	3368	36
n5536-10r2	131	30	118.6	0.20	0.37	-14.0	1.5394	0.93	0.332292	0.28	3628	4	3227	24
n5536-9r	128	31	122.6	0.24	0.08	-6.6	1.4440	0.93	0.321078	0.33	3575	5	3392	25
n5536-19r	550	56	381.7	0.09	0.25	-24.5	1.9027	0.98	0.287621	0.37	3405	6	2723	22
n5536-11c1	672	567	462.4	0.53	0.24	-24.1	2.0815	3.93	0.246153	4.69	3160	72	2529	83
<b>high common Pb (&gt;1%)</b>														
n5536-12c1	111	33	121.5	0.29	3.35	-3.3	1.3126	1.43	0.359213	0.45	3747	7	3651	40
n5536-06c1	386	246	437.4	0.58	5.18	-4.7	1.3354	1.67	0.357345	1.01	3739	15	3603	46
n5536-05c	348	216	394.1	0.57	6.28	-4.0	1.3304	1.79	0.354526	1.45	3727	22	3614	50
n5536-16c1	307	99	337.2	0.29	2.16	-1.9	1.3025	0.89	0.354406	0.17	3726	3	3673	25
n5536-05r1	290	56	302.2	0.18	1.59	-4.7	1.3441	1.49	0.353034	0.26	3720	4	3585	41
n5536-16c2	359	202	409.9	0.53	3.10	-2.0	1.3072	1.16	0.352947	0.57	3720	9	3663	32
n5536-13r	294	154	331.4	0.51	1.08	-2.6	1.3177	0.92	0.351742	0.30	3715	5	3640	26
n5536-10r1	276	41	294.2	0.14	1.83	-1.4	1.3022	0.91	0.351516	0.23	3714	4	3673	25
n5536-06r	439	104	409.0	0.21	4.10	-15.2	1.5172	1.58	0.349913	0.33	3707	5	3264	41
n5536-20r	252	42	269.0	0.15	1.18	-1.0	1.3009	1.31	0.349362	0.29	3704	4	3676	37
n5536-18c	352	41	357.7	0.10	2.16	-5.0	1.3553	1.03	0.349271	0.34	3704	5	3563	28
n5536-08c	552	721	647.6	1.17	1.35	-8.6	1.4282	1.86	0.340998	1.94	3667	29	3421	50
n5536-20c	402	265	396.7	0.59	3.16	-13.8	1.5336	1.22	0.333295	0.38	3632	6	3236	31
n5536-01r	604	514	618.7	0.66	2.76	-11.1	1.4886	1.43	0.332760	0.31	3630	5	3313	37
n5536-05r2	179	71	169.3	0.30	4.36	-11.3	1.4978	1.44	0.330053	0.41	3617	6	3297	37
n5536-13c	352	198	373.5	0.53	1.32	-4.3	1.3905	1.53	0.328930	0.46	3612	7	3493	42
n5536-11c2	543	405	412.1	0.49	5.68	-21.8	1.8954	2.51	0.272854	3.55	3323	54	2731	56
<b>a mixture of growth zones</b>														
n5536-08r1	165	40	180.7	0.24	0.06	-0.3	1.2907	1.45	0.349607	0.29	3705	4	3698	41
n5536-15c	186	42	199.8	0.22	0.15	-1.5	1.3074	0.90	0.349505	0.22	3705	3	3662	25
n5536-02r2	117	39	129.4	0.33	0.21	0.3	1.2909	1.33	0.345856	0.47	3689	7	3698	38
n5536-08r2	351	41	367.4	0.12	0.02	-0.5	1.3099	1.48	0.341741	0.42	3671	6	3657	41

n5536-03r1 136 40 131.1 0.29 {0.01} -3.7 1.4372 1.30 0.307162 0.90 3507 14 3405 34

<sup>1</sup>n5536 is the NordSIMS laboratory number for sample identification.

<sup>2</sup>Percentage of common 206Pb in measured 206Pb, calculated from the 204Pb signal assuming a present-day Stacey & Kramers (1975) model terrestrial Pb-isotope composition.

<sup>3</sup>Values corrected for common Pb.

**Table 6. SIMS U-Th-Pb data for sample L1444, n5535 from Big Island**

Sample <sup>1</sup> spot #	U ppm	Th ppm	Pb ppm	Th/U	f <sup>206Pb</sup> <sup>2</sup> %	Disc. %	Ratios <sup>3</sup>				Ages <sup>3</sup>			
							<sup>238</sup> U/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ	<sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>238</sup> U	±σ
n5535-07r	214	107	186.5	0.42	0.21	-1.9	1.5711	1.29	0.256413	0.44	3225	7	3175	32
n5535-02r	508	236	453.1	0.42	0.40	0.5	1.5326	1.25	0.256341	0.25	3224	4	3238	32
n5535-01c	78	30	66.7	0.32	0.53	-1.2	1.5619	1.79	0.255653	0.93	3220	15	3190	45
n5535-04c	312	188	287.0	0.54	0.66	1.8	1.5174	1.73	0.255131	0.82	3217	13	3263	45
n5535-06r1	368	149	325.1	0.36	0.09	1.2	1.5283	1.22	0.254797	0.28	3215	4	3245	31
n5535-02c	205	113	182.1	0.46	0.14	-0.4	1.5537	1.42	0.254381	0.82	3212	13	3203	36
n5535-01r	223	112	195.5	0.43	0.44	-0.4	1.5594	1.39	0.252930	0.47	3203	7	3194	35
<b>high common Pb (&gt;1%)</b>														
n5535-07c1	122	35	99.1	0.22	2.13	-4.8	1.6233	1.60	0.255015	0.60	3216	9	3094	39
n5535-06c2	114	50	95.5	0.34	3.59	-3.7	1.6061	1.74	0.254671	1.35	3214	21	3120	43
n5535-09r	221	104	182.3	0.35	3.03	-5.5	1.6413	1.24	0.253827	0.46	3209	7	3067	30
n5535-10r	158	63	114.2	0.26	12.38	-15.8	1.8465	1.44	0.252734	0.97	3202	15	2790	33
n5535-03c	286	239	263.1	0.72	1.71	-1.1	1.5729	1.31	0.252575	0.68	3201	11	3172	33
n5535-09c	387	347	306.3	0.44	10.91	-10.5	1.7451	1.45	0.250760	3.56	3190	55	2920	34
n5535-05c	351	168	268.8	0.33	5.90	-10.8	1.7593	1.26	0.248859	1.30	3178	20	2901	30
n5535-07c2	135	61	105.8	0.34	2.32	-6.4	1.7076	1.66	0.241866	0.83	3132	13	2972	40
n5535-05r	203	19 [133]	no data	no data	9.96	-22.9	2.1679	1.37	0.226043	1.79	3024	28	2445	28
n5535-08c	1196	328	603.7	0.14	24.88	-29.0	2.4962	1.70	0.207198	1.85	2884	30	2172	31
<b>a mixture of growth zones</b>														
n5535-10c	1242	631	1076.5	0.47	0.51	-0.9	1.5865	1.16	0.248349	0.14	3174	2	3151	29
n5535-06c	95	39	79.6	0.34	0.24	-1.0	1.5975	1.84	0.246057	0.57	3160	9	3134	46

<sup>1</sup>n5535 is the NordSIMS laboratory number for sample identification.

<sup>2</sup>Percentage of common <sup>206</sup>Pb in measured <sup>206</sup>Pb, calculated from the <sup>204</sup>Pb signal assuming a present-day Stacey & Kramers (1975) model terrestrial Pb-isotope composition.

<sup>3</sup>Values corrected for common Pb.

**Table 7. SIMS U-Th-Pb data for sample L1463, n5538 from Little Island**

Sample <sup>1</sup> spot #	U ppm	Th ppm	Pb ppm	Th/U	f <sup>206</sup> Pb <sup>2</sup> %	Disc. %	Ratios <sup>3</sup>				Ages <sup>3</sup>			
							<sup>238</sup> U/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ	<sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>238</sup> U	±σ
n5538-11c1	42	19	49.9	0.46	{0.06}	0.9	1.2558	1.08	0.359852	0.49	3749	7	3776	31
n5538-01c	398	70	421.1	0.16	0.11	-3.1	1.3195	1.39	0.354243	0.32	3725	5	3636	39
n5538-12c	379	238	440.5	0.60	0.48	-1.7	1.3013	1.03	0.354093	0.29	3725	4	3675	29
n5538-04r1	360	108	402.5	0.31	0.16	-0.1	1.2823	1.25	0.352753	0.23	3719	4	3717	35
n5538-10c	500	166	565.3	0.33	0.03	0.9	1.2712	0.89	0.351886	0.13	3715	2	3741	25
n5538-20c	444	173	505.5	0.39	0.06	0.7	1.2754	0.78	0.351430	0.16	3713	2	3732	22
n5538-03c1	284	57	309.0	0.20	0.05	0.1	1.2867	1.35	0.349162	0.33	3703	5	3707	38
n5538-19r	269	46	279.3	0.16	0.04	-3.6	1.3402	0.78	0.347496	0.20	3696	3	3593	22
n5538-08c1	207	60	222.5	0.26	0.23	-1.7	1.3168	1.46	0.346423	0.24	3691	4	3642	41
n5538-11c2	22	4	22.6	0.17	{0.10}	-1.8	1.3248	1.28	0.342825	0.59	3675	9	3625	36
n5538-08r2	1000	37	1012.4	0.04	0.03	-0.5	1.3274	1.45	0.333676	0.16	3634	3	3620	40
n5538-05r	936	44	943.0	0.05	0.08	1.2	1.3257	1.21	0.324562	0.45	3592	7	3623	34
n5538-02r1	1046	309	1018.1	0.27	0.05	-5.3	1.4314	1.61	0.318456	0.97	3562	15	3415	43
n5538-03c2	421	75	416.4	0.17	0.07	0.6	1.3695	2.03	0.309211	0.38	3517	6	3534	55
<b>&gt;5% disc.</b>														
n5538-08r1	363	145	369.1	0.25	0.25	-7.7	1.3978	1.42	0.348500	0.17	3700	3	3479	38
n5538-02c2	308	74	310.5	0.22	0.44	-7.6	1.3958	1.45	0.348280	0.24	3699	4	3483	39
n5538-9c	581	123	557.1	0.18	0.37	-10.1	1.4521	0.89	0.340668	0.11	3666	2	3378	23
n5538-02c1	399	106	355.4	0.22	0.45	-16.2	1.5726	1.48	0.335250	0.56	3641	9	3173	37
n5538-22c	397	119	385.1	0.21	0.56	-7.0	1.4320	0.79	0.328768	0.14	3611	2	3414	21
n5538-17c	328	46	302.9	0.12	0.12	-9.2	1.4717	0.80	0.326598	0.18	3601	3	3342	21
n5538-13c	1012	31	884.2	0.03	0.05	-7.5	1.5018	0.77	0.304925	0.22	3495	3	3290	20
n5538-07r2	857	136	709.5	0.14	0.30	-13.2	1.6191	1.16	0.298957	0.28	3465	4	3100	29
n5538-01r	564	89	493.8	0.13	0.35	-6.2	1.5176	2.19	0.292487	1.50	3431	23	3263	56

n5538-07r1	1249	54	973.9	0.04	0.06	-12.6	1.6599	2.14	0.283284	0.72	3381	11	3040	52
n5538-14c	1014	17	765.4	0.03	0.09	-9.4	1.6825	1.50	0.260867	1.21	3252	19	3007	36
n5538-18c	1114	77	830.7	0.06	0.03	-6.3	1.6938	0.79	0.244463	0.30	3149	5	2991	19
n5538-02r2	3442	970	1300.0	0.16	0.44	-36.4	3.2791	2.12	0.166695	1.94	2525	32	1716	32
<b>high common Pb (&gt;1%)</b>														
n5538-19c	17	7	18.2	0.44	2.69	-9.2	1.3899	2.16	0.362677	1.78	3761	27	3494	59
n5538-23c	150	44	142.1	0.21	1.87	-13.1	1.4891	0.86	0.346428	0.27	3691	4	3312	22
n5538-05c	487	138	516.8	0.33	2.12	-3.9	1.3510	1.53	0.344525	0.45	3683	7	3571	42
n5538-07c	274	139	261.1	0.27	1.02	-12.1	1.4895	1.35	0.339205	0.23	3659	3	3311	35
n5538-21c	212	57	131.4	0.23	4.91	-35.5	2.2264	1.10	0.287670	0.40	3405	6	2392	22
n5538-10r	2274	633	1443.4	0.18	1.50	-24.6	2.0706	0.86	0.251022	0.53	3191	8	2540	18
<b>a mixture of growth zones</b>														
n5538-16c	143	63	157.3	0.43	0.55	-2.5	1.3282	0.83	0.345926	0.29	3689	4	3618	23
n5538-15c	134	31	135.7	0.20	0.18	-3.5	1.3661	0.86	0.334667	0.23	3639	3	3541	23
n5538-06c	432	60	399.6	0.13	0.03	-2.9	1.4452	1.52	0.299432	1.07	3467	16	3390	40
n5538-11r	1025	4	738.8	0.00	0.02	-1.0	1.6996	0.90	0.223584	0.14	3007	2	2983	22
n5538-06r	1401	39	915.2	0.02	0.49	-6.2	1.8625	1.40	0.211457	0.62	2917	10	2771	32

<sup>1</sup>n5538 is the NordSIMS laboratory number for sample identification.

<sup>2</sup>Percentage of common <sup>206</sup>Pb in measured <sup>206</sup>Pb, calculated from the <sup>204</sup>Pb signal assuming a present-day Stacey & Kramers (1975) model terrestrial Pb-isotope composition.

<sup>3</sup>Values corrected for common Pb.

**Table 8. SIMS U-Th-Pb data for sample L1467, n5694 from Maidmonts Island**

Sample <sup>1</sup> spot #	U ppm	Th ppm	Pb ppm	Th/U	f <sup>206</sup> Pb <sup>2</sup> %	Disc. %	Ratios <sup>3</sup>				Ages <sup>3</sup>			
							<sup>238</sup> U/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb	±σ	<sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>238</sup> U	±σ
n5694-4c	565	489	550.1	0.82	0.06	-3.9	1.5404	0.88	0.273877	0.15	3328	2	3225	22
n5694-8c	36	21	34.8	0.59	{0.07}	0.1	1.4787	1.18	0.273875	0.52	3328	8	3330	31
n5694-12c	248	240	253.6	0.95	0.16	-0.8	1.4916	0.90	0.273855	0.18	3328	3	3308	23
n5694-2c	198	177	198.7	0.87	0.03	-0.9	1.4959	0.96	0.273068	0.26	3324	4	3300	25
n5694-20c	381	230	362.3	0.57	0.05	-1.2	1.4997	0.96	0.273051	0.19	3324	3	3294	25

n5694-18c	471	313	454.0	0.64	0.03	-1.1	1.4989	0.91	0.273024	0.14	3323	2	3295	23
n5694-1c	120	86	115.8	0.68	0.05	-1.6	1.5079	1.05	0.272452	0.34	3320	5	3279	27
n5694-3c	202	167	193.5	0.78	0.32	-4.4	1.5529	0.91	0.272384	0.30	3320	5	3205	23
n5694-13c	40	26	37.2	0.62	{0.02}	-3.1	1.5344	1.12	0.271622	0.44	3315	7	3235	28
n5694-21c	117	95	115.3	0.77	0.05	-0.6	1.4976	1.04	0.271324	0.37	3314	6	3297	27
n5694-5c	1250	756	1195.3	0.60	0.02	-0.4	1.4954	0.88	0.270896	0.08	3311	1	3301	23
n5694-14c	30	17	27.3	0.54	0.13	-3.8	1.5528	1.22	0.269669	0.52	3304	8	3205	31
n5694-23c	35	20	31.7	0.56	0.13	-3.9	1.5583	1.75	0.268602	1.39	3298	22	3196	44
n5694-22c	58	38	53.8	0.60	0.13	-3.8	1.5574	1.05	0.268410	0.42	3297	7	3197	27
n5694-15c	270	240	264.2	0.86	0.06	-2.0	1.5334	0.93	0.266794	0.17	3287	3	3237	24
n5694-27c	72	44	66.4	0.58	{0.04}	-2.6	1.5522	1.07	0.264443	0.43	3273	7	3206	27
n5694-6c	47	34	43.5	0.71	{0.08}	-3.9	1.5826	1.13	0.261602	0.64	3256	10	3157	28
<b>&gt;5% disc.</b>														
n5694-4r	74	43	66.9	0.56	0.07	-6.9	1.5832	1.08	0.275623	0.43	3338	7	3156	27
n5694-26c	241	214	225.7	0.81	0.16	-7.2	1.6015	1.32	0.272117	0.31	3318	5	3127	33
n5694-19c	43	41	39.7	0.77	0.24	-7.6	1.6145	1.18	0.270394	0.48	3308	7	3108	29
n5694-24c	86	54	76.6	0.56	0.18	-6.4	1.5999	0.98	0.268540	0.42	3298	7	3130	24
n5694-11c	58	46	53.7	0.76	0.82	-5.7	1.5987	1.18	0.265448	0.67	3279	11	3132	29
n5694-7c	190	136	171.9	0.67	0.07	-5.7	1.6054	1.06	0.263834	0.32	3270	5	3121	26
n5694-25c	1004	12	672.0	0.01	0.33	-5.8	1.8231	0.91	0.217032	0.20	2959	3	2819	21
<b>high common Pb (&gt;1%)</b>														
n5694-17c	458	411	434.0	0.84	1.45	-6.8	1.5942	0.98	0.272250	0.27	3319	4	3139	24
n5694-9c	158	121	155.5	0.95	11.23	-4.4	1.5611	0.93	0.270027	0.68	3306	11	3191	23
n5694-10c	52	72	52.2	1.69	32.39	-14.8	1.7759	1.25	0.263758	1.70	3269	27	2879	29
n5694-16c	217	79	153.4	0.30	1.01	-13.2	1.8790	1.04	0.234397	0.36	3082	6	2751	23

<sup>1</sup>n5694 is the NordSIMS laboratory number for sample identification.

<sup>2</sup>Percentage of common <sup>206</sup>Pb in measured <sup>206</sup>Pb, calculated from the <sup>204</sup>Pb signal assuming a present-day Stacey & Kramers (1975) model terrestrial Pb-isotope composition.

<sup>3</sup>Values corrected for common Pb.