



Genesis of High-Mg Adakites in the Southeastern Margin of North China Craton: Geochemical and U-Pb Geochronological Perspectives

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In the eastern North China Craton (NCC), Mesozoic tectonics was dominated by the Paleo-Pacific subduction rollback and the Tanlu crustal-scale fault movement. The regional transtension had generated extensive adakitic magmatism, some Cu-Au ore-forming but others not. To establish the geodynamic setting and any metallogenic link for the adakites from the southeastern NCC margin, we analyzed the ore-barren adakitic rocks from underground mines in the Huaibei-Linhuan coalfield (where surface igneous outcrops are scarce), and compared their ages and geochemistry with other mineralized and ore-barren adakites across Eastern China. Zircon U-Pb dating reveals two magmatic episodes in the Huaibei-Linhuan coalfield: 1) early-Early Cretaceous (ca. 130–129 Ma) (quartz-)diorite and granodiorite, and 2) late-Early Cretaceous (ca. 115.8 and 105.8 Ma) microgabbro and dolerite. Whole-rock geochemistry indicates that the (quartz-)diorite and granodiorite are high-Mg adakitic, featured by low K_2O/Na_2O (avg. 0.33), high Sr/La (avg. 44.3), and lack of correlation between SiO_2 (fractionation index) and Sr/Y (avg. 56.55) and MREE/HREE (avg. 1.09), resembling typical adakites derived from oceanic-slab partial melting. Geochronological correlation with the regional tectonic events suggests that the slab-melting may have been caused by the Paleo-Pacific subduction rollback. Further extension and crustal thinning in the late-Early Cretaceous along the southern Tanlu fault may have formed the gabbro-dolerite in the coalfield. Geochemical comparison suggests that parental magma of the Huaibei-Linhuan adakites may have had similar water content [similar zircon $10,000 \cdot (Eu/Eu^*)/Y$ and Eu/Eu^* ratios] to typical porphyry Cu-Au ore-forming magmas, yet the former may have been considerably more reduced (lower zircon Ce/Nd and whole-rock V/Sc ratios). We considered that the assimilation of Carboniferous-Permian coal seams in the area may have further lowered the magma fO_2 and thus its potential to form Cu-Au mineralization.

Keywords: high-Mg adakites, North China Craton, Paleo-Pacific subduction, Cretaceous, zircon U-Pb dating

INTRODUCTION

The Mesozoic eastern North China craton (NCC) is tectonically complex due to the co-influence of a number of tectonic events, including the North China-South China collision, the Paleo-Pacific subduction and rollback, the gradual NCC decratonization, together with the ~500-km sinistral movement of the regional Tanlu fault zone and the accompanied pull-apart basin formation (e.g., Li et al., 2012, 2017; Hong et al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2020; Sun et al., 2021; Ye et al., 2021). The complex tectonic interactions resulted in the formation of important Cu-Au mineralization across the region, notably the world-class Jiaodong-Liaodong orogenic gold province (e.g., Goldfarb and Santosh, 2014; Zhang Z. et al., 2019; Liu et al., 2019, 2020; Li J. et al., 2020; Deng et al., 2020), and the Cu-Au-Fe polymetallic Middle-Lower Yangtze River Metallogenic Belt (MLYRB) (e.g., Pirajno and Zhou, 2015; Zhou et al., 2015; Zhang Y. et al., 2019; Lü et al., 2021). Many of these deposits are closely related in

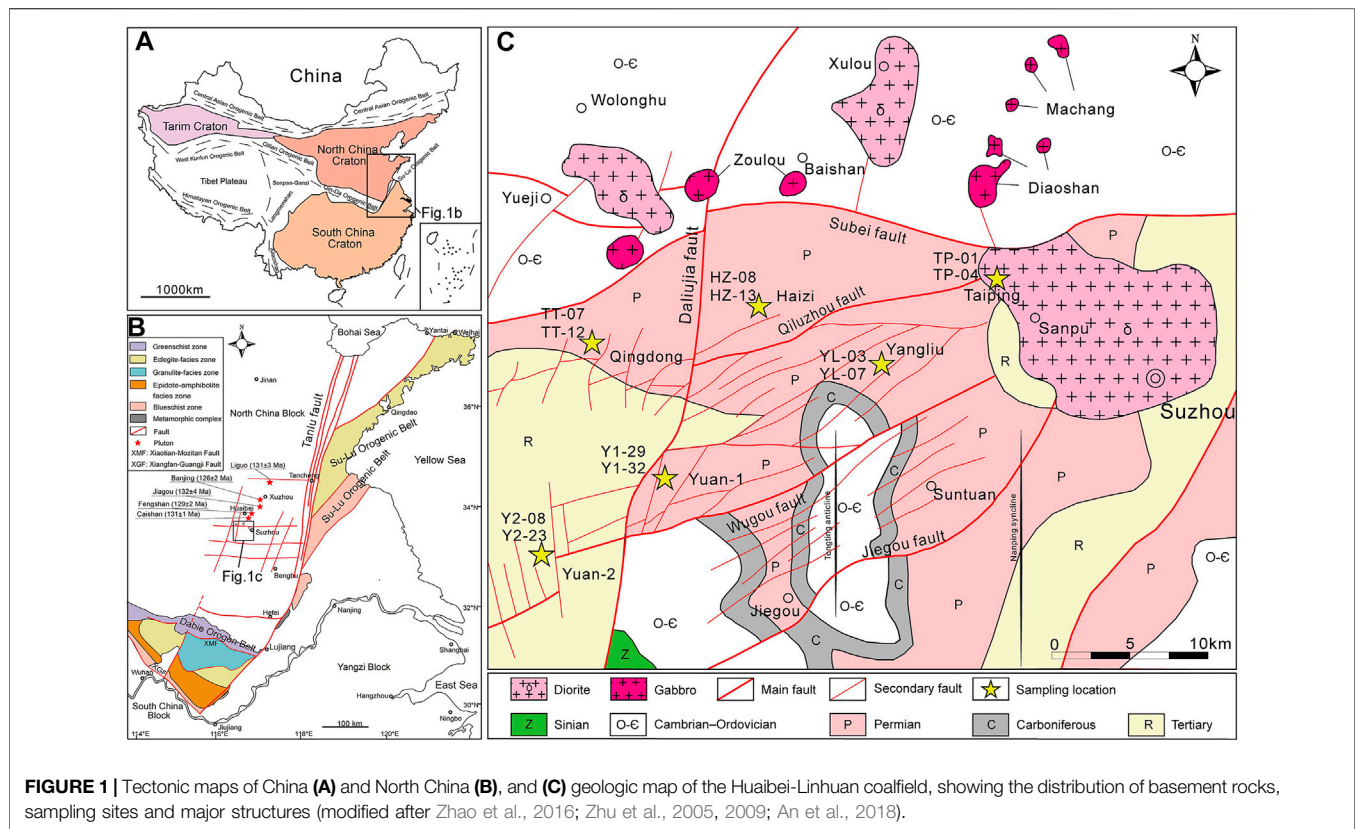
space-time to adakitic magmatism, yet many adakitic units in the region are also ore-barren (e.g., Liu S.-A. et al., 2010; Li C. et al., 2020; Jiang et al., 2020). Genetic link between adakitic magmatism and Cu-Au mineralization is rather well-established (e.g., Reich et al., 2003; Richards and Kerrich, 2007; Chiaradia et al., 2012), yet understanding why some adakites are ore-barren would also benefit both ore deposit modelling and regional Cu-Au exploration (Table 1).

In the southeastern NCC margin (Anhui province) where the North China Alluvial Plain is currently situated, intrusive rocks are rarely exposed and thus less studied. In this study, we collected samples from various underground coal mines across the Huaibei-Linhuai coalfield (Figure 1). Through zircon U-Pb dating and whole-rock geochemical analyses, and by comparing geochemically with the coeval Cu-Au mineralized/barren adakites across Eastern China (esp. in the MLYRB and along/near the southern Tanlu fault), we discuss why some adakites are ore-forming and some are not.

TABLE 1 | Summary of ages, intrusions and lithology of major barren and fertile adakite units in Eastern China.

No.	Location	Intrusion	Lithology	Ages (Ma)	Barren or fertile	Source
1	BWGB	Caoshan	Monzogranite	109 ± 3	Au	Li et al. (2020a)
2		Donglushan	Diorite porphyry	113 ± 1		
3		Jiangshan	Altered granite porphyry	117 ± 3		
4		Jiuhuashan	Granodiorite	115 ± 3		
5		Huaiguang	Granodiorite	118 ± 3		Liu et al. (2012)
6		Jingshan	Granodiorite	118 ± 1		
7		Zhuishan	Monzogranite	112 ± 1		
8		Caoshan	Monzogranite	112 ± 2		Yang et al. (2010)
9		Huaiguang	Granodiorite	130 ± 2		
10		Nvshan	Syenogranite	130 ± 3		
11	STLF	Damaocun	Monzonite	128 ± 1	Ore-Barren	Li et al. (2010a)
12		Fangjiazhuang	Monzonite	129 ± 1		
13		Xiaolizhuang	Quartz monzonite	125 ± 1		
14		Qiaotouji	Monzonite	132 ± 2		
15		Haizi	Diorite	130 ± 2		In this study
16		Taiping	diorite	129 ± 1		
17		Qingdong	Microgabbro	116 ± 1		
18	Yuan-1	dolerite	106 ± 2			
19	MLYRB	Datuanshan	Carbonate	139 ± 3	Cu-Au-Mo	Mao et al. (2006)
20		Tongguanshan	Granodiorite	137 ± 1	Cu-Au	Jiang et al. (2020)
21		Longhushan	Diorite	138 ± 3	Cu-Au-Mo	Sun et al. (2003)
22		Shanxingshan	Granodiorite	138 ± 3	Mo	
23		Xianlinbu	Granodiorite	133 ± 1	Fe-Mo	
24		Yueshan	Quartz diorite	136 ± 2	Cu-Mo	
25		Fengshandong	Granodiorite	144 ± 2	Cu-Mo	Xie et al. (2007)
26		Qianjiawan	Diorite	138 ± 2	Cu-Au	
27		Ruanjiawan	Granodiorite	144 ± 2	W-Cu-Mo	
28		Tongshankou	Granodiorite	142 ± 2	Cu-Mo	
29	Tonglúshan	Granodiorite	138 ± 2	Cu-Fe		
30	DOB	Liujiawa	Gabbro	128 ± 1	Ore-Barren	Zhang et al. (2013)
31		Liujiawa	Diorite	127 ± 2		
32		Liguo	Dioritic porphyry	131 ± 3	Fe	Xu et al. (2004)
33		Jiagou	Monzodioritic porphyry	132 ± 4	Ore-Barren	
34		Banjing	Diorite	126 ± 2		Zhou et al. (2019)
35		Banjing	Diorite	127 ± 1		Yang et al. (2008)
36		Fengshan	Monzodiorite porphyry	129 ± 2		
37		Caishan	Quartz diorite	131 ± 1		

*BWGB: Bengbu-Wuhe Gold Belt; STLF: Southern Tan-Lu Fault; MLYRB: Middle-Lower Yangtze River Metallogenic Belt; DOB: Dabie Orogen Belt.



Geological Background

Archean to Mesozoic geological record is well-preserved in the NCC, except locally in its eastern part due to later decratonization. The craton was largely formed by extensive Archean tonalite-trondhjemite-granodiorite (TTG) emplacement, and remained relatively stable throughout the Paleozoic-Early Triassic. Afterward, the convergence between the Yangtze and North China plates (collided in the Early-Middle Jurassic) had caused widespread Mesozoic magmatism, forming the Cretaceous intermediate-mafic and bimodal (sub-) volcanic rocks in the southern NCC margin (Li et al., 2017). Some intrusive rocks were suggested to have formed by mantle underplating and had a crustal-mantle mixed source. Geochemistry of these rocks implies that the lithospheric mantle beneath the NCC is highly heterogenous (Yang et al., 2008; Zhao et al., 2009; Xia et al., 2013).

Although igneous rock exposure is generally poor in the southeastern NCC margin, many intrusions are encountered in the underground coal mines there, notably those in the Huaibei-Linhuan coalfield. The Huaibei coalfield is located close to the Xuzhou-Suzhou fault system and between the EW-trending Fengpei and Bangpu uplift zones (Figure 1B). Faults of various sizes and types were documented in the coalfield, but consist mainly of high-angle normal faults and rare reverse faults. The regional Huangji and Subei faults were interpreted to have formed in the same stage as the regional Carboniferous-Permian folding (which formed the Tongting syncline and Nanping anticline) (Figure 1C) (An et al., 2018).

The Linhuan coalfield is bounded by the N-S-trending Taihe-Wuhe and Subei faults, and by the E-W-trending Nanping and Fengwo faults, giving a rectangular shape to the coalfield. The Taihe-Wuhe fault is a steeply-dipping normal fault, which connects to the Tanlu fault zone in the east. Secondary faults and interlayer structures are well-developed in the coalfield: the former is mainly NE-trending and less-commonly NW-trending, whilst the latter is developed on both hanging-wall and footwall of the coal seams, which locally damaged the coal seams. Major fault activities likely commenced in the Jurassic (early-stage Yanshanian orogeny), during which the regional stress transition (to NW-SE-trending) may have formed the Xuzhou-Suzhou imbricated structure. Tectonic regime in Eastern China changed again to active extension during the middle- and late-stage Yanshanian orogeny, forming many normal faults and fault-bounded basins. Normal faulting likely reached its peak during the Cenozoic Himalayan orogeny, during which many ancient structures were also reactivated/modified (Yao and Liu, 2012). Intermediate volcanism and plutonism were active during the Yanshanian movement, and were mainly controlled by the NNE-trending and EW-trending faults (Xu et al., 2004; Yang et al., 2010).

Previous geological survey documented that stratigraphy in the Linhuan coalfield comprises Ordovician and Carboniferous-Permian sequences (#3 Exploration Team of Anhui Bureau of Coal Geology, 2007). The coal-bearing sequences include the Upper Carboniferous Benxi and Taiyuan formations, Lower Permian Shanxi Formation, Middle Permian Shihezi

Formation, and the Middle-Upper Permian Shiqianfeng Formation. The Carboniferous sequences comprise mainly greyish mudstone in the lower part, and crystalline limestone and sandy shale-mudstone in the upper part. The Permian sequences comprise mainly sandstone and mudstone (An et al., 2018, and ref. therein). Plutonic emplacement is locally controlled by ancient faults and interlayer fractures, which likely served as magma conduits. Many Jurassic-Cretaceous intermediate-mafic dykes were identified in the Huaibei coalfield, and are controlled mainly by NNE-trending faults and minor by EW-trending and NW-trending ones. Middle Jurassic-Early Cretaceous intermediate-felsic plutons are widespread in the southern NCC margin, and eclogite xenoliths and adakitic rocks were reported in the Xuhuai area as a rectangle tectonic region in the Southern Tan-Lu Fault (STLF) showing in **Figure 1B** (Xu et al., 2006; Xu et al., 2009). Plutonic rocks intruding the coal-bearing sequence in the Huaibei coalfield include mainly diorite porphyry stock, dykes, and sills. All coal mines in the Linhuan coalfield were affected (metamorphosed) by various degrees of plutonism, which intensified toward the Subei and Dalu faults, e.g., at the Yangliu and Haizi mines (#3 Exploration Team of Anhui Bureau of Coal Geology, 2007; Yangliu Coal Industry Co. Ltd, 2017; Zhao et al., 2019).

Intrusive rock samples in this study were collected from coal mines in the Huaibei-Linhuan coalfield. Plutons are mainly dioritic in the coal mines along the NE-trending Qiluzhou fault (Taiping, Haizi, Yangliu), whilst those in the coal mines along the NS-trending Dalu fault (Yuandian-1, Yuandian-2, Qingdong) are mainly gabbroic and minor peridotitic.

Sampling and Analysis Methods

In this study, we analyzed igneous rock samples from six mines in the Huaibei-Linhuan coalfield, with the sampling locations shown in **Figure 1C**. Sample lithologies include (quartz-) diorite-granodiorite ($n = 6$) from Yangliu (YL-03, YL-07), Haizi (HZ-08, HZ-13), and Taiping (TP-01, TP-04), and microgabbro-dolerite ($n = 6$) from Qingdong (TT-07, TT-12), Yuandian-1 (Y1-29, Y1-32), Yuandian-2 (Y2-08, Y2-23). The rock samples were prepared into petrographic thin sections and rock powder (200 mesh) for microscopic (including SEM) observations and whole-rock geochemical analyses, respectively. Sample preparation and petrographic observation were conducted at the Geological Laboratory of the School of Resources and Environment Engineering, Anhui University. Optical microscopic analysis was performed with an Olympus BX53PLM to identify textural features and rock-forming minerals. Whole-rock major and trace elemental compositions were measured on all samples by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) and inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS), respectively.

The XRF analysis follows the Chinese national standard procedure GB/T 14506.28-2010. The powdered samples were dried at 105°C for 2–4 h and then cooled down in a desiccator. For each sample, 0.700 g was weighted and mixed with 5.200 g $\text{Li}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$, 0.400 g LiF, and 0.300 g NH_4NO_3 . The mixture was placed in platinum crucibles (95% Pt + 5% Au). Afterward, 1 ml

LiBr (1.5%) was added to the crucibles, dried on a hot-plate, and then heat (with lid closed) at 1,200°C for 10 min to form a glass disc.

Solution ICP-MS sample preparation follows the Chinese National Standard Procedure GB/T 30714-2014. Weighted dry sample powder (0.1000 g) was placed in polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) bottles, mixed successively with 10 ml HNO_3 , 10 ml HF, and 2 ml HCl, and then heated on hot-plate for 2–3 h to completely dissolve the samples. After cooling, the residue was washed with ultra-pure water, dried again, and then redissolved in 2.0 ml aqua regia and 1.0 ml LH_3BO_3 on hot-plate for around 16 min. The solution was then transferred to 50 ml bottles, diluted with water and then measured (with two blanks) on an Agilent 7700e ICP-MS. The analysis follows the Chinese national standard procedure DZ/T0223-2001.

LA-ICP-MS zircon U-Pb dating was performed at the Wuhan Sample Solution Analytical Technology Co. Ltd. (China) with an Agilent 7900 ICPMS, coupled to a GeoLas HD 193 nm excimer laser ablation system. Zircon 91500 and glass NIST610 were used as external standards for U-Pb dating and trace element calibration, respectively. Each analysis incorporated a background acquisition of approximately 20–30 s followed by 50 s of data acquisition from the sample. An Excel-based software ICPMSDataCal was used to perform off-line selection and integration of background and analyzed signals, time-drift correction and quantitative calibration for trace element analysis and U-Pb dating (Liu et al., 2008; Liu et al., 2010 Y.). Concordia diagrams and weighted mean calculations were made using Isoplot/Ex_ver3 (Ludwig, 2003). Analytical conditions include: 80 mJ laser energy, 5 Hz frequency, and 32 μm laser beam size. The standards were analyzed twice for every six samples. The data processing and concordia plot production were completed with ICPMSDataCal 10.9 and Isoplot 3.0, respectively.

RESULTS

Petrographic Features

Taiping mine: Diorite samples were collected from a dyke (4–6 m thick) at 300 m depth. The rocks are dark-grey, medium-fine-grained, and massive structure. The rocks contain mainly plagioclase (75%) and hornblende (20%) and rare pyroxene (<5%). Some samples are porphyritic and have zoned plagioclase phenocrysts in a dark grey to greyish-green microcrystalline groundmass. The plagioclase grains are largely euhedral-subhedral, whilst hornblende grains are subhedral (**Figures 2A,D**).

Yangliu mine: The diorite-granodiorite samples were collected from a sill at 463–504 m depth (drill-hole 2017-02). The rocks are weakly porphyritic, with subrounded quartz and alkali feldspar phenocrysts and (minor) hornblende phenocrysts set in a dark-grey hornblende groundmass. Feldspar phenocrysts (2 mm) are generally larger than subhedral hornblende phenocrysts (0.5 mm) (**Figures 2C,F**).

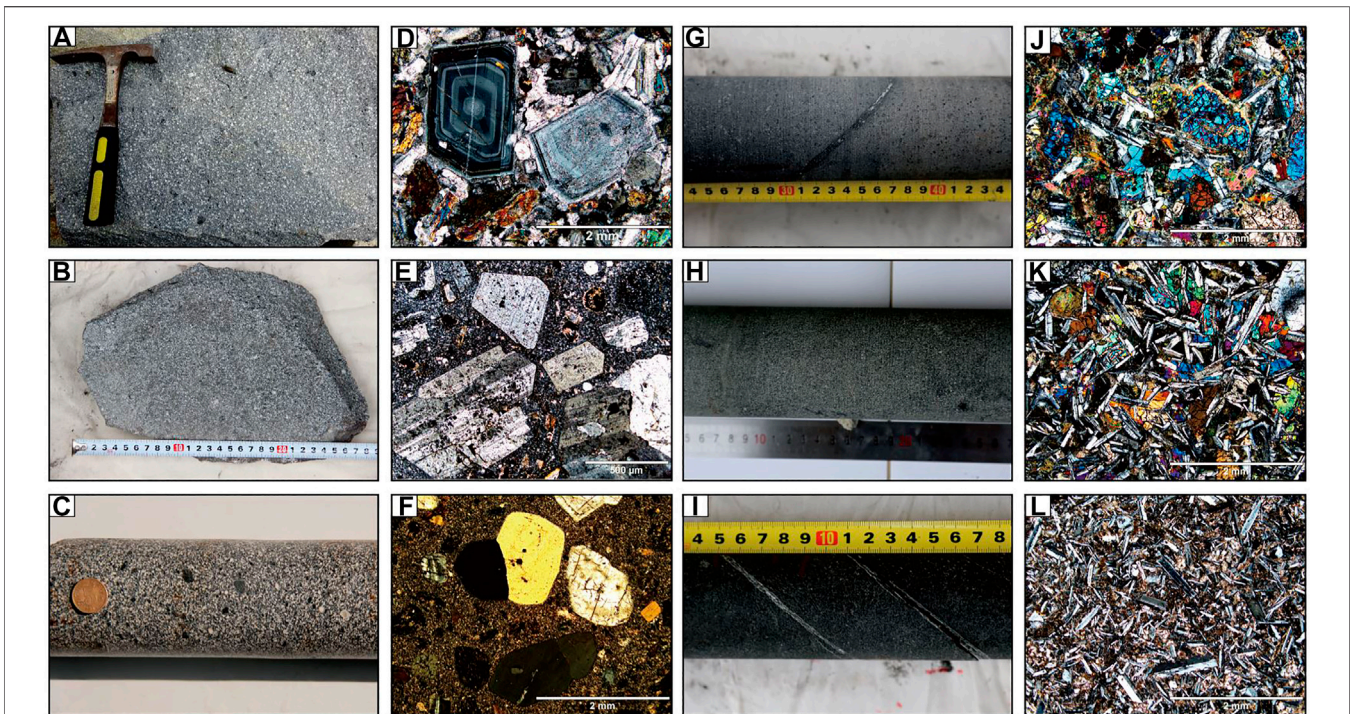


FIGURE 2 | Hand-specimen and thin-section microscopic photos of subvolcanic rocks from the Huaibei-Linhuan coalfield: **(A)** Taiping (TP-01) diorite; **(B)** Haizi (HZ-08) diorite; **(C)** Yangliu (YL-03) diorite; **(D)** Taiping granodiorite with feldspar phenocrysts; **(E)** Haizi porphyritic diorite with altered euhedral feldspar phenocrysts; **(F)** Yangliu granodiorite porphyry with quartz and plagioclase phenocrysts; **(G)** Qingdong (TT-07) microgabbro; **(H)** Yuandian-1 (Y1-29) dolerite; **(I)** Yuandian-2 (Y2-23) dolerite; **(J)** Pyroxene and plagioclase in the Qingdong microgabbro (XPL); **(K)** Plagioclase and pyroxene in the ophitic-textured Yuandian-1 dolerite (XPL); **(L)** Plagioclase and fine-grained Fe-Ti oxides in the Yuandian-2 dolerite (XPL).

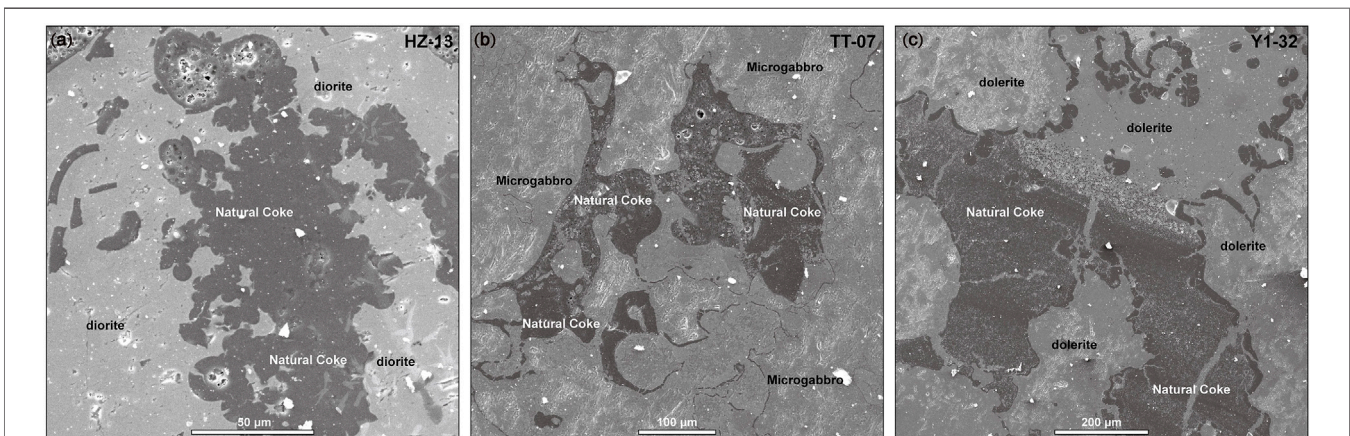


FIGURE 3 | SEM image of plutonic rock samples, showing partially-assimilated porous natural coke inclusions with rounded corroded margin: **(A)** HZ-13; **(B)** TT-07; **(C)** Y1-32.

Haizi mine: The diorite porphyry samples were collected from a dyke (8–10 m thick) at 800 m depth. The rocks are dark grey and medium-fine-grained massive, and contain mainly phenocrysts of plagioclase (60%), hornblende (20%) and pyroxene (<5%), which set in a dark-grey hornblende and (minor) pyrite groundmass (**Figures 2B,E**). Partially assimilated porous and rounded-/irregular-shaped natural coke fragments are included in the diorite (**Figure 3A**).

Qingdong mine: The microgabbro samples were collected from a sill at 478–483 m depth (drill-hole 2016-03). The rocks are greyish-green, fine-grained massive, and contain mainly plagioclase feldspars (55%), pyroxene (35%) and olivine (10%) (**Figures 2G,J**). Partially assimilated natural coke fragments, featured by being porous and rounded/irregular, are observed under SEM in the microgabbro (**Figure 3B**).

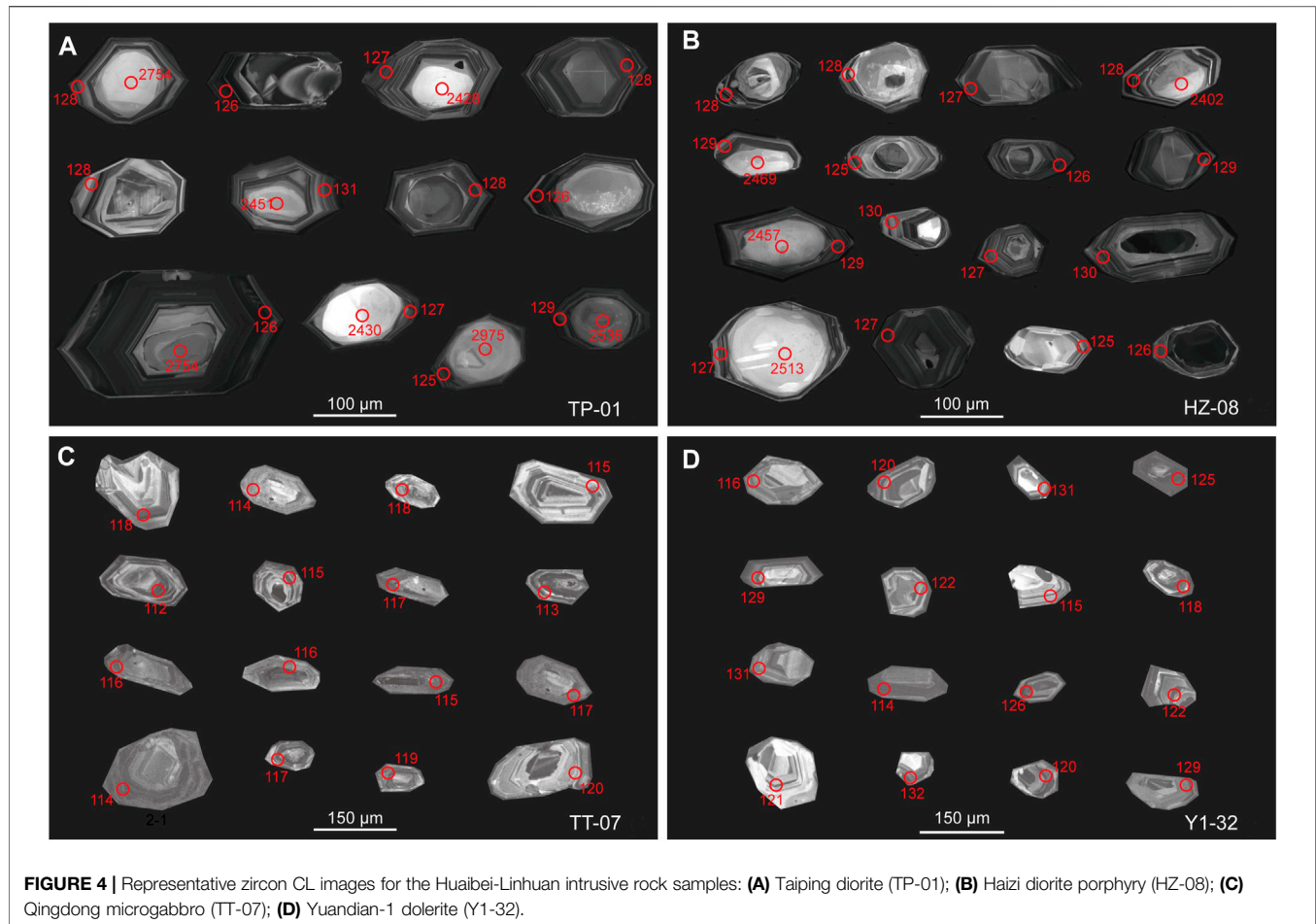


FIGURE 4 | Representative zircon CL images for the Huaibei-Linhuan intrusive rock samples: **(A)** Taiping diorite (TP-01); **(B)** Haizi diorite porphyry (HZ-08); **(C)** Qingdong microgabbro (TT-07); **(D)** Yuandian-1 dolerite (Y1-32).

Yuandian-1 mine: The dolerite samples were collected from a sill at 295–320 m depth (drill-hole 2016-06). The rocks are greyish-green, fine-medium-grained massive (weakly porphyritic), and contain euhedral-subhedral plagioclase (65%) and pyroxene (25%) phenocrysts set in a groundmass (10%) of similar mineral content (**Figures 2H,K**). Some dolerite samples contain partially assimilated natural coke fragments (**Figure 3C**).

Yuandian-2 mine: The dolerite samples were collected from a sill at 278–305 m depth (drill-hole 2016-20). The rocks are greyish-green, fine-medium-grained massive, and weakly porphyritic. The rocks have mainly plagioclase (60%), pyroxene (20%), and minor (10% each) hornblende and Fe-Ti oxides. The pyroxenes are commonly altered to fine-grained amphibole and chlorite (**Figures 2I,L**).

Zircon U-Pb Geochronology and Trace Element Geochemistry

In this study, one Taiping diorite (TP-01) and Haizi diorite porphyry (HZ-08), and one Qingdong microgabbro (TT-07) and Yuandian-1 dolerite (Y1-32) were zircon U-Pb dated. Zircon grains from all rock samples are largely similar in size (50–150 μm, mostly ~100 μm). Zircons from the diorite samples (TP-01 and HZ-08) are featured by rounded, partially resorbed

inherited cores (20–120 μm, mostly 25–90 μm) surrounded by oscillatory zoned rims, giving an overall short prismatic or subrounded shape. Most zircon cores have markedly different CL reflectance (darker or brighter) from their growth rims. The cores are mostly unzoned (homogenous) but sector zoning is also found in certain grains. For the microgabbro-dolerite samples (TT-07 and Y1-32), most zircon grains do not have inherited core, and most of them are elongated prismatic (some occur as broken fragments), and are oscillatory- and/or sector-zoned (**Figure 4**).

Zircon samples from the Taiping diorite (TP-01) have high Th/U ratios for both the inherited cores (avg. 0.62) and rims (avg. 0.39), resembling typical igneous zircons (Hoskin and Black, 2000). Most age data ($n = 19$) from the cores cluster closely around 2,500 Ma, and yielded an upper intercept $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of $2,463 \pm 23$ Ma (2σ , MSWD = 1.2). Meanwhile, age data ($n = 21$) from the rims yielded a weighted average $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of 129.2 ± 1.4 Ma (2σ , MSWD = 2.0), which we interpreted to be the diorite emplacement age (**Figures 4A, 5B; Table 2**).

Similarly, zircons from the Haizi diorite porphyry (HZ-08) have high Th/U ratios for both the inherited cores (avg. 0.47) and rims (avg. 0.84), resembling typical igneous zircons (Hoskin and Black, 2000). Age data ($n = 19$) from the cores also cluster closely around 2,500 Ma, and yielded an upper intercept $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age

TABLE 2 | Zircon U-Pb dating results of the plutonic rock samples from the Huaibei-Linhuai coalfield.

Spot No.	HF	Ti	Th	U	Th/U	Isotopic ratios			Apparent ages (Ma)			Concordance			
						207Pb/206Pb	1 σ	207Pb/235U	1 σ	207Pb/235U	1 σ		206Pb/238U	1 σ	
HZ-08C															
HZ-08C-01	9202	11.7	38.1	31.9	1.19	0.0056	0.3195	9.8772	0.4218	0.0063	2423	2423	2269	28.5	93%
HZ-08C-02	8414	14.0	19.5	38.8	0.50	0.0048	0.2811	9.0596	0.4333	0.0067	2344	2344	2321	30.0	98%
HZ-08C-03	9885	17.7	1.10	16.2	0.07	0.0070	0.3553	9.4267	0.4357	0.0095	2409	2409	2373	41.9	98%
HZ-08C-04	8435	9.86	17.4	33.1	0.53	0.0063	0.3869	10.0419	0.4392	0.0068	2439	2439	2347	30.6	96%
HZ-08C-05	10905	7.35	55.1	76.1	0.72	0.0043	0.2764	9.8848	0.4414	0.0058	2424	2424	2357	26.1	97%
HZ-08C-06	10007	11.6	2.03	12.0	0.17	0.0083	0.17186	10.4462	0.4462	0.0094	2632	2632	2378	41.8	95%
HZ-08C-07	9240	14.5	15.1	66.3	0.23	0.0047	0.16386	10.6386	0.4517	0.0057	2492	2492	2403	25.6	96%
HZ-08C-08	11063	13.4	202	221	0.91	0.0048	0.17218	10.3114	0.4563	0.0049	2499	2499	2423	21.8	96%
HZ-08C-09	9515	10.6	6.70	6.71	1.00	0.0105	0.10541	10.5411	0.4597	0.0114	2484	2484	2438	50.2	98%
HZ-08C-10	10489	13.0	9.04	22.0	0.41	0.0067	0.104505	10.4505	0.4608	0.0078	2476	2476	2443	34.3	98%
HZ-08C-11	8986	68.1	13.5	29.2	0.46	0.0129	0.10351	10.7138	0.4623	0.0124	2438	2438	2450	54.5	99%
HZ-08C-12	9849	10.8	40.7	28.1	1.45	0.0058	0.107327	10.7327	0.4637	0.0088	2500	2500	2456	30.0	98%
HZ-08C-13	8661	15.2	16.0	26.5	0.61	0.0064	0.105249	10.5249	0.4663	0.0078	2482	2482	2467	34.3	99%
HZ-08C-14	10590	15.4	4.95	35.6	0.14	0.0052	0.103533	10.3533	0.4696	0.0081	2467	2467	2477	35.6	99%
HZ-08C-15	9520	18.4	0.70	4.15	0.17	0.0113	0.106939	10.6939	0.4698	0.0158	2531	2497	2483	69.5	99%
HZ-08C-16	10230	14.3	6.83	37.7	0.18	0.0083	0.103934	10.3934	0.4726	0.0124	2470	2470	2495	54.2	99%
HZ-08C-17	9967	16.1	10.1	13.0	0.78	0.0080	0.106766	10.6766	0.4762	0.0094	2495	2495	2519	41.0	99%
HZ-08C-18	10287	24.9	0.99	8.71	0.11	0.0101	0.109619	10.9619	0.4809	0.0116	2520	2520	2531	50.5	99%
HZ-08C-19	10707	23.2	102	61.5	1.66	0.0043	0.109327	10.9327	0.4893	0.0066	2517	2517	2568	28.6	98%
HZ-08E															
HZ-08E-01	9648	4.51	352	445	0.79	0.0035	0.1335	10.1335	0.0202	0.0003	127	127	126	2.1	98%
HZ-08E-02	13442	2.96	122	515	0.24	0.0034	0.1396	10.1396	0.0201	0.0004	133	133	128	2.7	96%
HZ-08E-03	7422	4.62	145	273	0.53	0.0040	0.1368	10.1368	0.0199	0.0004	130	130	127	2.4	97%
HZ-08E-04	9026	5.03	185	232	0.80	0.0066	0.1365	10.1365	0.0209	0.0005	130	130	133	3.3	97%
HZ-08E-05	10358	0.93	84.0	245	0.34	0.0045	0.1329	10.1329	0.0196	0.0004	127	127	125	2.4	98%
HZ-08E-06	9409	4.37	156	386	0.41	0.0036	0.1378	10.1378	0.0197	0.0003	131	131	126	2.1	95%
HZ-08E-07	8070	4.46	131	154	0.85	0.0039	0.1374	10.1374	0.0209	0.0004	131	131	133	2.7	98%
HZ-08E-08	9950	4.28	206	407	0.51	0.0032	0.1296	10.1296	0.0197	0.0003	124	124	126	2.1	98%
HZ-08E-09	8842	6.16	232	312	0.75	0.0035	0.1410	10.1410	0.0212	0.0004	134	134	135	2.2	99%
HZ-08E-10	9824	3.68	282	360	0.78	0.0040	0.1345	10.1345	0.0199	0.0003	128	128	127	2.1	99%
HZ-08E-11	9396	7.97	164	384	0.49	0.0035	0.1373	10.1373	0.0207	0.0004	131	131	132	2.2	99%
HZ-08E-12	9953	3.65	173	233	0.74	0.0037	0.1334	10.1334	0.0203	0.0005	106	127	129	3.0	98%
HZ-08E-13	8972	7.31	84.7	270	0.31	0.0043	0.1336	10.1336	0.0199	0.0003	127	127	127	2.1	99%
HZ-08E-14	12243	3.34	136	592	0.23	0.0042	0.1307	10.1307	0.0199	0.0003	125	125	127	1.7	98%
HZ-08E-15	9478	3.49	120	270	0.44	0.0041	0.1411	10.1411	0.0204	0.0003	134	134	130	2.2	96%
TP-01C															
TP-01C-01	9812	11.2	54.4	148	0.37	0.0040	0.2312	9.6579	0.4273	0.0042	2403	2403	2293	19.0	95%
TP-01C-02	11862	46.1	78.0	112	0.70	0.0043	0.2768	9.7043	0.4334	0.0061	2407	2407	2321	27.6	96%
TP-01C-03	10709	14.7	63.0	43.2	1.46	0.0053	0.3034	9.3034	0.4378	0.0062	2368	2368	2341	27.8	98%
TP-01C-04	10216	19.2	6.42	12.9	0.50	0.0096	0.6874	9.6874	0.4413	0.0116	2406	2406	2356	51.7	97%
TP-01C-05	10777	23.0	45.9	59.8	0.74	0.0048	0.101085	10.1085	0.4430	0.0054	2469	2469	2356	51.7	97%
TP-01C-06	9021	15.0	42.2	50.8	0.83	0.0055	0.10793	10.793	0.4511	0.0055	2496	2496	2400	24.5	96%
TP-01C-07	10654	20.9	195	240	0.81	0.0041	0.10017	10.017	0.4526	0.0048	2444	2444	2407	21.2	98%
TP-01C-08	10236	12.6	85.7	139	0.61	0.0036	0.101313	10.1313	0.4584	0.0043	2447	2447	2432	19.2	99%
TP-01C-09	9886	10.1	31.4	30.3	1.04	0.0051	0.101053	10.1053	0.4599	0.0087	2444	2444	2439	38.6	99%
TP-01C-10	8881	8.33	17.1	26.0	0.66	0.0068	0.9209	9.9209	0.4617	0.0081	2427	2427	2447	35.7	99%
TP-01C-11	9783	16.7	4.39	18.3	0.28	0.0064	0.102574	10.2574	0.4635	0.0083	2458	2458	2464	36.6	99%
TP-01C-12	11068	16.8	3.65	13.2	0.28	0.0087	0.107429	10.7429	0.4645	0.0097	2501	2501	2460	42.9	98%
TP-01C-13	9892	10.4	10.4	31.3	0.33	0.0057	0.105364	10.5364	0.4676	0.0077	2483	2483	2473	33.8	99%
TP-01C-14	9439	12.0	12.7	19.5	0.65	0.0086	0.100070	10.0070	0.4697	0.0087	2511	2511	2482	38.2	97%
TP-01C-15	10747	13.8	8.16	17.7	0.46	0.0084	0.9969	9.9969	0.4702	0.0087	2434	2434	2484	38.2	97%
TP-01C-16	10470	6.92	66.4	40.6	1.63	0.0049	0.104772	10.4772	0.4757	0.0082	2478	2478	2513	35.8	98%
TP-01C-17	10603	16.3	13.5	20.3	0.66	0.0056	0.104191	10.4191	0.4788	0.0088	2443	2443	2482	38.2	98%
TP-01C-18	12589	22.5	33.7	50.0	0.67	0.0046	0.104818	10.4818	0.4818	0.0061	2572	2572	2535	26.5	98%
TP-01C-19	11539	26.4	15.2	35.6	0.43	0.0048	0.105203	10.5203	0.4906	0.0070	2482	2482	2573	30.3	96%

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TABLE 2 | (Continued) Zircon U-Pb dating results of the plutonic rock samples from the Huaibei-Linhuo coalfield.

Spot No.	Hf	Ti	Th	U	Th/U	Isotopic ratios			Apparent ages (Ma)			Concordance			
						²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁶ Pb	²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²³⁵ U	²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²³⁸ U				
TP-01E-01	9517	3.73	82.0	519	0.16	0.0503	0.1401	0.0085	146.3	133	7.6	130	97%		
TP-01E-02	11982	0.09	6.14	500	0.01	0.0489	0.1374	0.0084	144.4	131	7.5	131	99%		
TP-01E-03	9056	4.81	560	609	0.92	0.0507	0.1436	0.0070	119.4	136	6.9	130	95%		
TP-01E-04	10889	1.73	80.3	286	0.28	0.0504	0.1428	0.0100	190.7	136	8.9	135	99%		
TP-01E-05	8653	4.54	413	461	0.90	0.0489	0.1350	0.0077	163.9	129	6.9	128	99%		
TP-01E-06	9229	2.81	34.0	175	0.19	0.0478	0.1382	0.0106	87.1	200.0	131	136	96%		
TP-01E-07	8063	3.10	189	222	0.85	0.0532	0.1422	0.0197	158.3	135	9.1	126	93%		
TP-01E-08	9676	3.81	97.5	207	0.47	0.0508	0.1379	0.0111	212.9	131	9.9	128	97%		
TP-01E-09	9372	2.89	8.32	459	0.02	0.0477	0.1272	0.0078	159.2	122	7.0	126	96%		
TP-01E-10	9290	5.11	181	255	0.71	0.0501	0.1340	0.0085	183.3	128	7.6	127	99%		
TP-01E-11	9236	4.85	71.5	241	0.30	0.0500	0.1347	0.0106	181.5	128	9.5	128	99%		
TP-01E-12	10747	1.80	54.6	283	0.19	0.0484	0.1315	0.0088	120	162.9	125	128	97%		
TP-01E-13	9099	3.96	81.2	211	0.39	0.0523	0.1383	0.0120	251.8	132	10.7	129	98%		
TP-01E-14	9069	2.36	97.2	191	0.51	0.0503	0.1359	0.0121	225.9	129	10.8	131	99%		
TP-01E-15	10318	3.84	19.1	231	0.08	0.0483	0.1340	0.0112	198.1	128	10.0	128	99%		
TP-01E-16	10238	3.92	313	759	0.41	0.0479	0.1318	0.0068	105.5	126	6.1	126	99%		
TP-01E-17	10433	5.94	117	693	0.17	0.0480	0.1307	0.0082	137.0	125	7.3	126	99%		
TP-01E-18	12632	1.52	8.22	134	0.06	0.0507	0.1344	0.0136	228	244.4	128	12.2	3.3	99%	
TP-01E-19	10076	4.23	246	369	0.67	0.0491	0.1291	0.0080	155.5	123	7.2	125	98%		
TP-01E-20	11273	1.38	94.9	316	0.30	0.0502	0.1343	0.0097	179.6	128	8.7	125	97%		
TP-01E-21	10201	3.43	252	398	0.63	0.0535	0.1462	0.0091	139	139	8.1	129	92%		
TT-07															
TT-07-01	9463	31.9	172	468	0.37	0.0502	0.1188	0.0130	250.0	114	11.8	112	2.8	98%	
TT-07-02	8586	10.3	220	471	0.47	0.0513	0.1262	0.0077	168.5	121	7.0	116	2.1	96%	
TT-07-03	9900	4.04	165	522	0.32	0.0536	0.1380	0.0091	160.2	131	8.1	120	1.7	91%	
TT-07-04	10312	4.36	299	647	0.46	0.0509	0.1271	0.0059	112.0	122	5.3	116	1.7	95%	
TT-07-05	9656	8.97	291	751	0.39	0.0525	0.1316	0.0064	309	131.5	5.7	118	2.4	93%	
TT-07-06	9716	2.83	157	535	0.29	0.0506	0.1277	0.0083	163.9	122	7.5	117	2.3	95%	
TT-07-07	9987	5.55	598	919	0.65	0.0491	0.1198	0.0061	150.1	115	5.6	113	1.6	98%	
TT-07-08	10001	4.85	385	809	0.48	0.0510	0.1226	0.0084	196.3	117	7.6	114	2.4	97%	
TT-07-09	9697	22.6	136	497	0.27	0.0479	0.1187	0.0074	175.9	114	6.7	117	1.9	97%	
TT-07-10	10525	4.85	163	567	0.29	0.0502	0.1282	0.0076	163.9	123	6.9	119	1.6	97%	
TT-07-11	10112	3.49	257	552	0.47	0.0516	0.1268	0.0064	333	123.1	5.8	114	1.5	94%	
TT-07-12	10407	4.75	303	761	0.40	0.0513	0.1311	0.0062	118.5	125	5.6	119	1.6	94%	
TT-07-13	9996	10.2	97.2	320	0.30	0.0507	0.1258	0.0085	179.6	120	7.7	116	2.1	96%	
TT-07-14	10493	6.71	171	564	0.30	0.0489	0.1260	0.0147	251.8	120	13.2	118	1.5	97%	
TT-07-15	10030	11.9	257	644	0.40	0.0516	0.1267	0.0056	129.6	121	5.0	114	1.5	93%	
TT-07-16	9353	2.97	282	258	1.09	0.0499	0.1203	0.0076	166.6	115	6.9	113	2.6	97%	
TT-07-17	10200	5.49	335	735	0.46	0.0471	0.1260	0.0178	135.2	111	5.3	114	1.5	97%	
TT-07-18	10096	9.84	244	695	0.35	0.0494	0.1206	0.0070	157.4	116	6.3	113	1.8	97%	
TT-07-19	10278	7.14	431	945	0.46	0.0511	0.1289	0.0064	120.4	123	5.7	117	1.5	94%	
TT-07-20	9952	5.49	190	484	0.39	0.0504	0.1266	0.0082	166.6	121	7.4	118	1.7	97%	
TT-07-21	9890	7.05	348	631	0.55	0.0498	0.1167	0.0083	183	112	8.4	110	2.1	98%	
TT-07-22	8864	7.73	434	234	1.86	0.0548	0.1344	0.0090	194.4	128	8.0	116	2.1	90%	
TT-07-23	10407	3.57	190	577	0.33	0.0503	0.1212	0.0074	206	162.9	116	6.7	112	1.9	96%
TT-07-24	10213	7.26	313	794	0.39	0.0482	0.1226	0.0058	109	122.2	117	5.2	117	1.7	99%
TT-07-25	9131	3.00	123	161	0.77	0.0518	0.1274	0.0102	230.5	122	9.2	117	2.8	96%	
Y1-32															
Y1-32-01	9119	6.99	422	409	1.03	0.1471	0.3196	0.0332	231.3	282	25.6	115	3.8	16%	
Y1-32-02	9518	9.99	703	581	1.21	0.0481	0.1134	0.0059	106	129.6	5.4	109	1.4	99%	
Y1-32-03	10079	66.0	375	395	0.95	0.1343	0.0990	0.0218	2155	298	16.5	117	2.1	12%	
Y1-32-04	7902	9.78	210	203	1.03	0.1273	0.0145	0.0421	197.2	283	32.4	113	3.4	14%	
Y1-32-05	8864	55.5	273	311	0.88	0.0530	0.0066	0.1168	328	287.0	10.6	108	2.6	96%	
Y1-32-06	9254	2.26	219	347	0.63	0.0740	0.1410	0.0168	406.0	134	15.0	104	3.2	75%	
Y1-32-07	9031	9.98	2493	1702	1.47	0.0765	0.0031	0.1770	1107	166	6.1	107	1.3	57%	
Y1-32-08	10201	7.23	408	544	0.75	0.1012	0.0051	0.0175	92.7	221	9.3	112	1.7	34%	

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TABLE 2 | (Continued) Zircon U-Pb dating results of the plutonic rock samples from the Huaibei-Linhuo coalfield.

Spot No.	Hf	Ti	Th	U	Th/U	Isotopic ratios			Apparent ages (Ma)			Concordance						
						207Pb/206Pb	1 σ	206Pb/238U	1 σ	207Pb/235U	1 σ	206Pb/238U	1 σ	207Pb/235U	1 σ			
Y1-32-09	9542	8.31	201	252	0.79	0.1270	0.0099	0.3267	0.0285	0.0184	0.0004	2057	133.2	287	21.8	117	2.8	16%
Y1-32-10	10928	9.19	909	822	1.11	0.0534	0.0024	0.1209	0.0054	0.0164	0.0002	343	101.8	116	4.9	105	1.3	90%
Y1-32-11	11717	5.67	158	153	1.03	0.1229	0.0119	0.3277	0.0344	0.0188	0.0005	1999	172.4	288	26.3	120	3.3	17%
Y1-32-12	10030	5.01	378	564	0.67	0.0911	0.0064	0.2232	0.0156	0.0178	0.0003	1450	134.1	205	12.9	114	1.8	42%
Y1-32-13	9723	11.6	637	803	0.79	0.1959	0.0108	0.5297	0.0306	0.0195	0.0003	2792	90.4	432	20.3	124	1.9	-11%
Y1-32-14	10295	3.84	391	534	0.73	0.0496	0.0030	0.1178	0.0064	0.0175	0.0002	176	147.2	113	5.8	112	1.6	98%
Y1-32-15	9454	11.1	154	175	0.88	0.0615	0.0061	0.1414	0.0119	0.0175	0.0004	655	212.0	134	10.6	112	2.5	81%

of $2,475 \pm 33$ Ma (2σ , MSWD = 2.3). Analyses of the zircon rims ($n = 15$) yielded a weighted average $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of 130.0 ± 2.4 Ma (2σ , MSWD = 2.4), which we interpreted to be the diorite crystallization age (Figures 4B, 5A,C; Table 2).

For the Qingdong microgabbro (TT-07), the zircon ages range narrowly from 110.48 to 120.38 Ma and there are no old inherited zircons. The zircons are likely igneous due to their high Th/U ratios (avg. 0.50) and the ubiquitous igneous oscillatory zoning. Twenty-five analyses yielded a weighted average $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of 115.8 ± 1.1 Ma (2σ , MSWD = 2.0), which likely reflects the timing of the microgabbro formation (Figures 4C, 5B,E; Table 2).

For the Yuandian-1 dolerite (Y1-32), most zircon ages range narrowly from 104.38 to 124.48 Ma. Again, the zircons are likely igneous due to their high Th/U ratios (avg. 0.93) and their igneous oscillatory zoning. Fifteen analyses yielded a weighted average $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age of 105.8 ± 1.8 Ma (2σ , MSWD = 2.8), which is largely the same (within error) as the upper intercept $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age (106.6 ± 2.4 Ma) and likely represents the dolerite formation age (Figures 4D, 5F; Table 2).

Most zircons, regardless of their host-rock types and ages, have similar left-inclining REE patterns and positive Ce anomalies ($\text{Ce}^{4+}/\text{Ce}^{3+} =$ mostly 0.21–0.78), resembling typical igneous zircons (Belousova et al., 2002). LREE contents are mostly low (often below the detection limit), and the few zircons with abnormally high La content are likely caused by apatite inclusions (Lu et al., 2016). Different rock samples, however, have different zircon Eu anomalies: Zircon rims of samples HZ-08 and TP-01 have no discernible anomalies [δEu : (Eu^*/Eu) = 0.42–0.86], whereas their Neoproterozoic cores have distinct negative anomalies ($\delta\text{Eu} = 0.03$ –0.48). Varying negative Eu anomalies are present for both samples TT-07 ($\delta\text{Eu} = 0.03$ –0.84) and Y1-32 ($\delta\text{Eu} = 0.12$ –0.55) (Figure 6; Table 3).

Whole-Rock Elemental Compositions

For the 12 samples analyzed, their whole-rock major element contents were back-calculated to 100 wt% to remove the volatile influence. A few samples yielded very high LOI (e.g., TT07 = 12.36 wt%, Y2-23 = 10.19 wt%), which we considered to be caused by the natural coke inclusions (instead of alteration/weathering), as demonstrated by the fresh igneous texture and partially-assimilated natural coke fragments observed under the SEM (Figure 3). The microgabbro-dolerite samples have $\text{SiO}_2 = 42.58$ –50.88 wt%, $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 12.22$ –14.55 wt%, $\text{MgO} = 5.44$ –8.63 wt%, $\text{FeO}_T = 6.99$ –14.68 wt%, and $(\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}) = 2.62$ –4.08 wt%, whilst the diorite-granodiorite (Haizi, Taiping, and Yangliu) samples have $\text{SiO}_2 = 57.45$ –61.27 wt%, $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 = 14.53$ –16.12 wt%, $\text{MgO} = 2.87$ –4.63 wt%, $\text{FeO}_T = 4.0$ –6.71 wt%, and $(\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}) = 6.45$ –9.15 wt% (Table 4).

In the Total Alkali-Silica (TAS) diagram, the gabbro-dolerite samples fall inside the (olivine-)gabbro fields (some marginally alkali), whilst the diorite-granodiorite samples fall inside the (quartz-)monzonite and syenite fields (Figure 7A). Similar results are shown in the immobile Zr/Ti vs. Nb/Y diagram, suggesting that alteration/weathering has no major influence on the major element geochemistry (Figure 7B). Both the gabbro-dolerite ($\text{ASI} = 0.94$ –1.38) and diorite-granodiorite

(ASI = 1.09–1.42) are peraluminous (**Figure 7C**), with the former being calc-alkaline and latter high-K calc-alkaline (**Figure 7D**). The diorite-granodiorite samples have high Sr (>677.7 ppm) and low Y (<15.48 ppm) (Sr/Y = 49.97–106.95), showing adakitic affinity. In contrast, the gabbro-dolerite samples have lower Sr (<384.2 ppm) and higher Y (>24.13 ppm) (Sr/Y = 15.26–83.19, avg. 47), resembling normal arc magmatic rocks (**Figure 8A**). The gabbro-dolerite and diorite-granodiorite samples have similar total (Σ) REE contents [73.14–193.10 ppm (avg. 112.88) and 50.51–113.45 ppm (avg. 84.99), respectively] and chondrite-normalized REE patterns, which are featured by enrichments in LREE/MREE [(La/Yb)_N = 4.27–17.85 and 8.63–10.62, respectively] and MREE/HREE [(Dy/Yb)_N = 1.76–2.16 and 1.81–1.98, respectively] (**Tables 4; Figures 7–8**). In primitive mantle-normalized diagrams, both the gabbro-dolerite and diorite-granodiorite show large ion lithophile element (LILE) over high field strength element (HFSE) enrichments, as well as negative Ta-Nb and Ti anomalies and distinct positive Pb and Sr anomalies.

DISCUSSION

Multiphase Magmatism in the Huaibei-Linhuan Coalfield

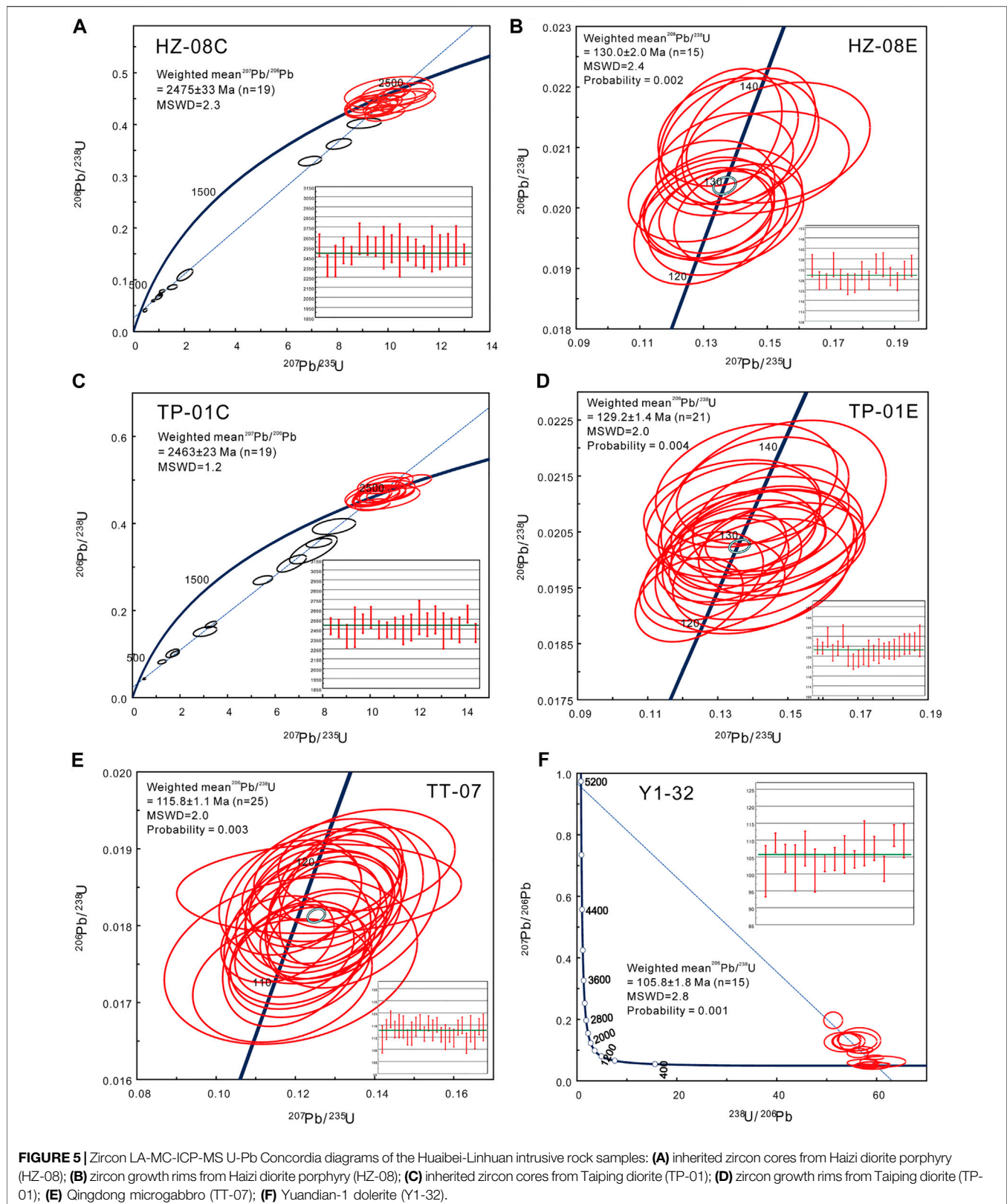
Intrusive rocks dated in this study yielded at least two magmatic phases: The Early Cretaceous diorite-granodiorite ages (Haizi: 130.0 ± 2.0 Ma; Taiping: 129.2 ± 1.4 Ma), whilst the microgabbro-dolerite yielded Late Cretaceous ages (Qingdong: 115.8 ± 1.1 Ma; Yuandian-1: 105.8 ± 1.8 Ma). The Early Cretaceous Huaibei-Linhuan diorite-granodiorite are coeval with the high-Mg adakite-like diorite-granodiorite in the Liujiawa pluton (~128 Ma), which is located further southwest in the eastern Dabie Orogen close to the Tanlu fault zone (**Figure 1**) (Jiang et al., 2020). Also along the Tanlu fault, the ore-related Nvshan syenogranite and the Huaiguang granodiorite in the Bengbu-Wuhe goldfield (Anhui Province) were both dated to be ~130 Ma (Li C. et al., 2020). The Huaibei-Linhuan (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite are also of similar age (slightly younger) than the Tongguanshan Cu-Au ore-forming adakites (~136.7 Ma; Tongling orefield), and the ore-barren high-Mg adakitic plutons at Fangjiangzhuang (~129.1 Ma) and Qiaotouji (~131.7 Ma) in the MLYRB (Liu S.-A. et al., 2010; Jiang et al., 2020). This suggests that the emplacement of the Huaibei-Linhuan (quartz-)diorite and granodiorite was part of the extensive Early Cretaceous (high-Mg-)adakitic magmatism, which extended from the along the eastern MLYRB northward along the Tanlu fault. From Eastern China, the Tanlu fault zone likely continues NE-ward across the Bohai sea basin into NE China, although its northeasternmost end is yet to be well identified (Ye et al., 2021). Early Cretaceous adakitic granitoids were documented at Xiuyan (ca. 129–126 Ma) in the Liaodong Peninsula (NE China) (Dong et al., 2020), and Krinichnoye (131.4 Ma) in the southern Sikhote-Alin (SE Russia Far East). As to be discussed in the later section, we attributed this major regional adakitic

magmatism as a product of Paleo-Pacific subduction and rollback and/or tearing, facilitated by the reactivation of the Tanlu fault zone movement.

The younger late-Early Cretaceous magmatic phase in Huaibei-Linhuan (Qingdong: 115.8 Ma; Yuandian-1: 105.8 Ma) was also reported elsewhere along the Tanlu fault. For instance, normal-arc-type granite- and diorite porphyries and monzogranite from the Bengbu-Wuhe goldfield were dated at ca. 112–114 Ma, and the associated Bengbu mafic dykes yielded similar Ar-Ar age (plateau: 111.8 ± 0.6 Ma; isochron: 109.6 ± 1.5 Ma) (Liu et al., 2012; Li C. et al., 2020).

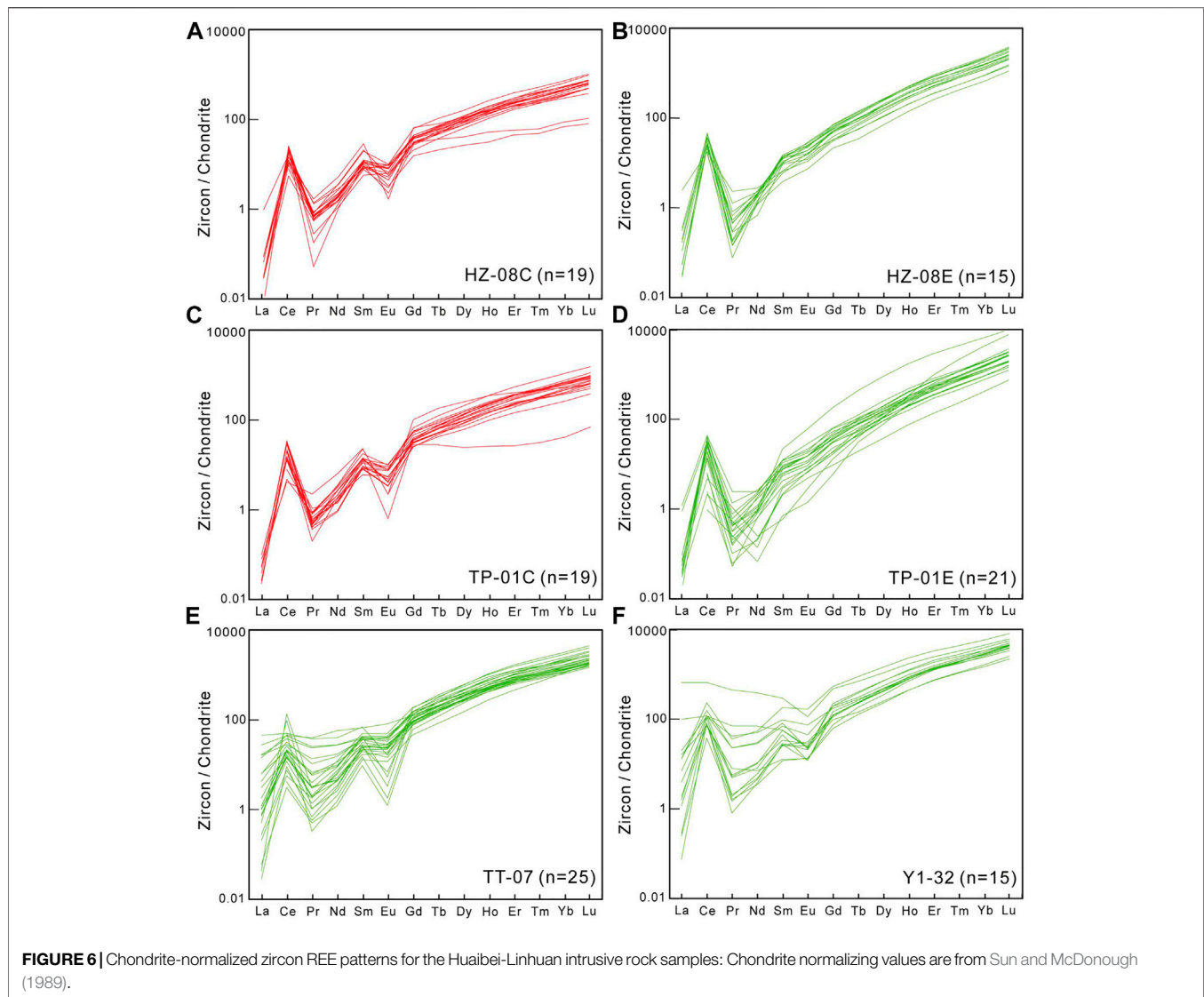
Petrogenesis of the Huaibei-Linhuan Magmatic Rocks

In this study, we have identified an earlier adakitic (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite phase and a younger gabbro-dolerite phase for the Early Cretaceous magmatism in Huaibei-Linhuan. For the adakitic (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite, they have relatively high Mg (MgO = 2.87–4.63; Mg# = 0.65–0.76) and low K₂O/Na₂O (0.35–0.54), resembling typical adakites derived from oceanic slab melting. Such features are distinct from the adakites derived from melting of the thickened lower crust, notably those from the Bengbu-Wuhe goldfield situated in the interior of the North China Craton (**Figure 8**) (Li C. et al., 2020). It is not to say that there is no crustal influence in the Huaibei-Linhuan adakitic rocks, as evidence from the presence of Precambrian inherited cores (2,317–2,632 Ma) in the Cretaceous zircons. The weighted average ages of the inherited cores for the (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite samples from Haizi ($2,475 \pm 33$ Ma) and Taiping ($2,463 \pm 23$ Ma) are similar to the relict magmatic zircons in (ca. 2,455 and 2,716 Ma) from the Cenozoic (~1 Ma) Nushan basalts in the southeastern North China Craton (Ping et al., 2019), suggesting clear NCC crustal input for the Huaibei-Linhuan adakite formation. The lack of the clear correlation between the adakitic signature (Sr/Y) and fractional crystallization (SiO₂) suggest that the adakites were not formed by high-pressure fractionation (garnet and/or amphibole) (**Figure 7D**). This conclusion is also supported by the lack of upward-concave MREE-HREE pattern in the chondrite-normalized REE plots (**Figure 9**), or the lack of correlation between MREE/HREE (Dy/Yb) and fractionation (SiO₂), which would be expect for amphibole-garnet fractionation-derived adakites or normal calc-alkaline rocks (such as the Huaibei-Linhuan gabbro-dolerite) (Castillo et al., 1999; Kamvong et al., 2014) (**Figure 10A**). Previous studies suggested that if the adakites were formed by fractional crystallization, substantial amphibole (85%) and garnet (15%) fractionation are needed (Mori et al., 2007). Our (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite samples do not fall on these fractionation trends (**Figures 10A–B**), and no garnet (and very few amphibole) was found in the rocks, suggesting that the adakites were not formed from fractional crystallization. In the Rb/Y vs. Nb/Y and Ba/Th vs. Th discrimination plots, the Huaibei-Linhuan adakite samples fall between the slab-derived and melt-derived enrichment trends, suggesting that the magmas were sourced from both slab-derived fluids and melts (**Figures 10C–D**). The Sr/La ratio has been used to distinguish slab-derived adakites



from lower-continental crustal (LCC)-derived ones, because altered oceanic crust (with MORB-type LREE depletion and Sr enrichment by seawater) has much higher Sr/La than the LCC

(Liu S.-A. et al., 2010). Our adakitic (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite samples have elevated Sr/La ratios (**Figure 11A**), indicating a slab-derived origin. The slab-derived origin is also supported by



the zircon trace element compositions. The zircons show in general increasing Yb/Gd with Hf content, which demonstrate a magma cooling and fractionation trend (Figure 12A) (Barth and Wooden, 2010). The Cretaceous zircons (or zircon rims) have elevated U/Yb ratio (a proxy of LILE-enrichment), suggesting a more enriched magma source resembling that of typical continental arc (Grimes et al., 2015). This is markedly different from the Precambrian cores, which have lower U/Yb ratio that mimics zircons from typical ocean islands (e.g., Iceland). The Cretaceous and Precambrian zircons have similar Hf and Nb/Yb, showing their host magmas have similar degree of fractionation and alkalinity, respectively (Figures 12B–C) (Grimes et al., 2015).

After the magma formation, the lack of distinct Ce or Eu anomalies (some even with weakly positive Eu anomaly), indicates that plagioclase fractionation was insignificant. In the chondrite-normalized REE and primitive mantle-normalized multi-element plots (Sun and McDonough, 1989) (Figures 9, 13), the adakitic (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite and the non-

adakitic gabbro-dolerite have generally similar arc-type patterns, e.g., LREE enrichments (between EMORB and OIB), HREE depletions (relative to MORB), negative Nb-Ta-Ti anomalies, and positive Pb-Sr anomalies, suggesting that both rock suites were formed in a subduction-related setting. The only difference between them (apart from the adakitic characters such as the Sr-Y contents), i.e., higher LILE and LREE contents for the (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite, is likely attributed to its more fractionated nature compared with the gabbro-dolerite.

Tectonic Evolution of Cretaceous Eastern China

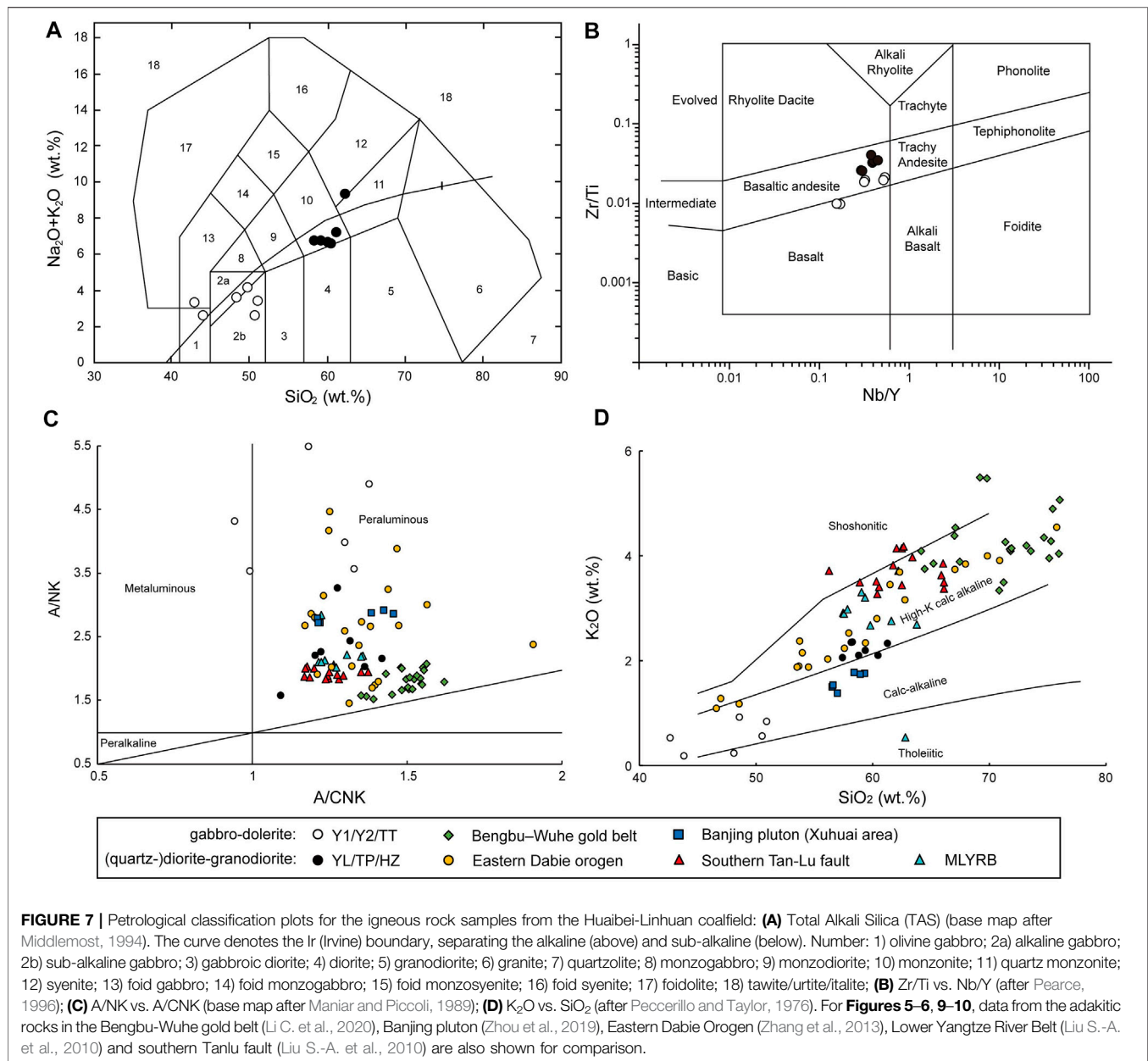
Cretaceous adakitic magmatism in Eastern China has been variably attributed to the progressive decratonization of North China, and/or the Paleo-Pacific subduction and rollback. As discussed in the previous section, our Huaibei-Linhuan (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite samples show geochemical features typical of oceanic slab melting-derived adakites, but

TABLE 4 | Major and trace element compositions of plutonic rock samples from the Huaibei-Linhuan coalfield.

Sample no.	TP-01	TP-04	HZ-08	HZ-13	YL-03	YL-07	TT-07	TT-12	Y1-29	Y1-32	Y2-08	Y2-23
Lithology	diorite	diorite porphyry	Diorite	Diorite	diorite porphyry	diorite porphyry	microgabbro	microgabbro	dolerite	dolerite	dolerite	dolerite
SiO ₂	58.2	61.27	58.81	59.3	60.42	57.45	50.54	50.88	48.06	43.85	48.59	42.58
TiO ₂	0.61	0.35	0.54	0.53	0.47	0.57	0.77	0.71	1.33	0.9	0.89	0.85
Al ₂ O ₃	16.12	14.53	14.62	14.53	14.68	14.59	13	12.22	14.25	14.39	14.55	14.23
Fe ₂ O ₃	6.19	4	6.71	6.67	5.53	6.05	6.99	7.49	14.68	13.72	10.15	10.46
MnO	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.06	0.1	0.19	0.24	0.12	0.12
MgO	4.04	2.87	4.58	4.63	4.2	4.52	6.43	6.73	6.76	8.63	5.69	5.44
CaO	5.6	4.17	5.53	5.52	3.54	3.48	6.78	8.83	7.38	9.55	6.88	11.82
Na ₂ O	4.3	6.8	4.34	4.37	5.11	4.74	2.08	2.63	3.35	2.45	3.16	2.77
K ₂ O	2.33	2.35	2.11	2.2	2.12	2.05	0.57	0.83	0.22	0.17	0.92	0.52
P ₂ O ₅	0.2	0.12	0.17	0.17	0.14	0.16	0.2	0.19	0.2	0.14	0.29	0.26
LOI	1.87	2.9	1.82	1.54	3.69	5.83	12.36	8.96	3.19	5.71	8.63	10.19
Total	99.53	99.41	99.29	99.52	99.98	99.53	99.77	99.57	99.61	99.73	99.86	99.23
Sc	16.33	10.12	18.68	17.00	15.21	15.54	21.68	20.29	31.91	23.91	20.84	19.13
V	121.2	65.00	128.0	115.9	96.23	102.8	168.0	157.1	211.3	148.7	130.2	119.8
Cr	129.5	137.5	244.4	220.4	194.4	210.0	472.2	467.3	162.6	190.4	192.8	324.2
Co	16.82	11.71	24.38	21.91	17.05	18.09	36.02	35.17	41.84	51.24	39.91	41.36
Ni	49.19	66.20	104.2	93.54	57.45	73.21	200.7	216.2	86.12	144.7	141.9	192.8
Cu	3,365	3,933	7,265	5,984	1768	4,103	1108	1629	76.04	68.44	6516	749.6
Zn	2,132	2,402	4,520	3,720	1095	2,408	687.7	1002	126.60	81.50	4,270	526.1
Ga	21.36	20.43	18.24	18.08	19.10	20.01	17.11	16.40	18.96	17.27	18.55	17.40
Ge	1.36	1.06	1.42	1.32	0.91	1.41	1.81	1.33	1.47	1.39	1.38	2.03
Rb	56.44	48.12	36.97	44.70	50.95	48.62	9.97	14.40	5.89	4.08	16.03	8.49
Sr	773.6	826.5	684.2	1041	680.3	677.7	766.7	975.0	368.2	384.2	740.0	847.7
Zr	120.5	71.52	82.98	83.33	114.4	115.4	87.15	82.57	77.29	53.40	113.1	100.1
Nb	6.06	3.47	3.95	3.52	4.60	5.07	3.98	3.79	4.07	2.87	9.45	8.81
Cs	1.96	2.36	0.91	1.14	0.57	0.63	0.80	0.56	0.32	0.30	0.27	0.20
Ba	1060	1082	955.2	1071	1215	2,264	472.9	641.1	316.6	243.6	749.9	765.6
Hf	3.21	2.15	2.33	2.20	3.09	3.12	2.27	2.16	2.14	1.49	2.56	2.33
Ta	0.35	0.20	0.23	0.21	0.30	0.32	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.16	0.48	0.45
Pb	153.4	237.4	321.2	275.5	113.1	220.5	49.77	70.93	26.14	3.17	285.1	65.93
Th	4.92	2.25	3.54	3.48	4.54	4.97	2.66	2.51	1.57	1.08	7.60	7.16
U	1.36	1.20	1.24	1.21	1.41	1.59	1.00	0.96	0.30	0.22	1.51	1.47
La	22.09	9.54	18.38	15.71	16.76	18.05	13.30	13.07	15.23	11.29	43.59	40.52
Ce	45.13	19.29	36.41	31.07	32.53	35.15	28.42	27.33	31.81	23.53	84.14	77.94
Pr	5.49	2.44	4.47	3.90	3.98	4.25	3.75	3.59	4.00	2.97	9.32	8.66
Nd	22.66	10.24	18.58	16.17	16.03	17.44	16.32	15.54	16.91	12.52	34.02	31.59
Sm	4.43	2.12	3.66	3.22	3.28	3.48	3.45	3.33	3.73	2.81	5.37	4.93
Eu	1.44	0.87	1.19	1.14	1.14	1.50	1.04	1.10	1.23	1.02	1.55	1.46
Gd	4.47	2.17	3.65	3.23	3.30	3.65	3.48	3.31	4.15	3.12	5.99	5.61
Tb	0.57	0.27	0.47	0.41	0.43	0.46	0.46	0.44	0.72	0.54	0.67	0.62
Dy	2.96	1.43	2.46	2.19	2.28	2.45	2.48	2.34	4.58	3.41	3.50	3.26
Ho	0.57	0.28	0.48	0.42	0.44	0.47	0.46	0.44	0.93	0.70	0.68	0.64
Er	1.66	0.83	1.39	1.24	1.30	1.36	1.32	1.24	2.72	2.02	1.99	1.90
Tm	0.23	0.12	0.20	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.40	0.29	0.27	0.26
Yb	1.53	0.79	1.24	1.15	1.22	1.28	1.15	1.09	2.56	1.88	1.75	1.66
Lu	0.23	0.12	0.19	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.17	0.16	0.39	0.29	0.26	0.26
Y	15.48	7.73	13.29	11.74	12.19	12.73	12.44	11.72	24.13	18.27	17.78	17.04
ΣREE	113.45	50.51	92.77	80.22	83.05	89.92	75.98	73.14	89.34	66.38	193.1	179.32
LREE	101.23	44.5	82.69	71.22	73.71	79.87	66.28	63.95	72.9	54.14	177.98	165.11
HREE	12.22	6.01	10.08	9	9.34	10.05	9.7	9.18	16.44	12.24	15.11	14.22
LREE/HREE	8.28	7.41	8.21	7.91	7.89	7.95	6.84	6.96	4.44	4.42	11.78	11.61
(La/Yb) _N	10.36	8.63	10.62	9.77	9.84	10.13	8.33	8.61	4.27	4.31	17.85	17.5
(Dy/Yb) _N	1.93	1.81	1.98	1.9	1.87	1.91	2.16	2.15	1.79	1.81	2	1.96
δEu	0.98	1.23	0.98	1.07	1.05	1.27	0.91	1	0.95	1.05	0.83	0.85
δCe	0.98	0.96	0.96	0.95	0.94	0.95	0.97	0.96	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.97

also contain Precambrian inherited zircon core (Haizi: $2,475 \pm 33$ Ma; Taiping: $2,463 \pm 23$ Ma) that reflect NCC crustal inheritance (Cenozoic Nushan basalt: ca. 2,455 and 2,716 Ma) (Ping et al., 2019). An oceanic slab-melting model

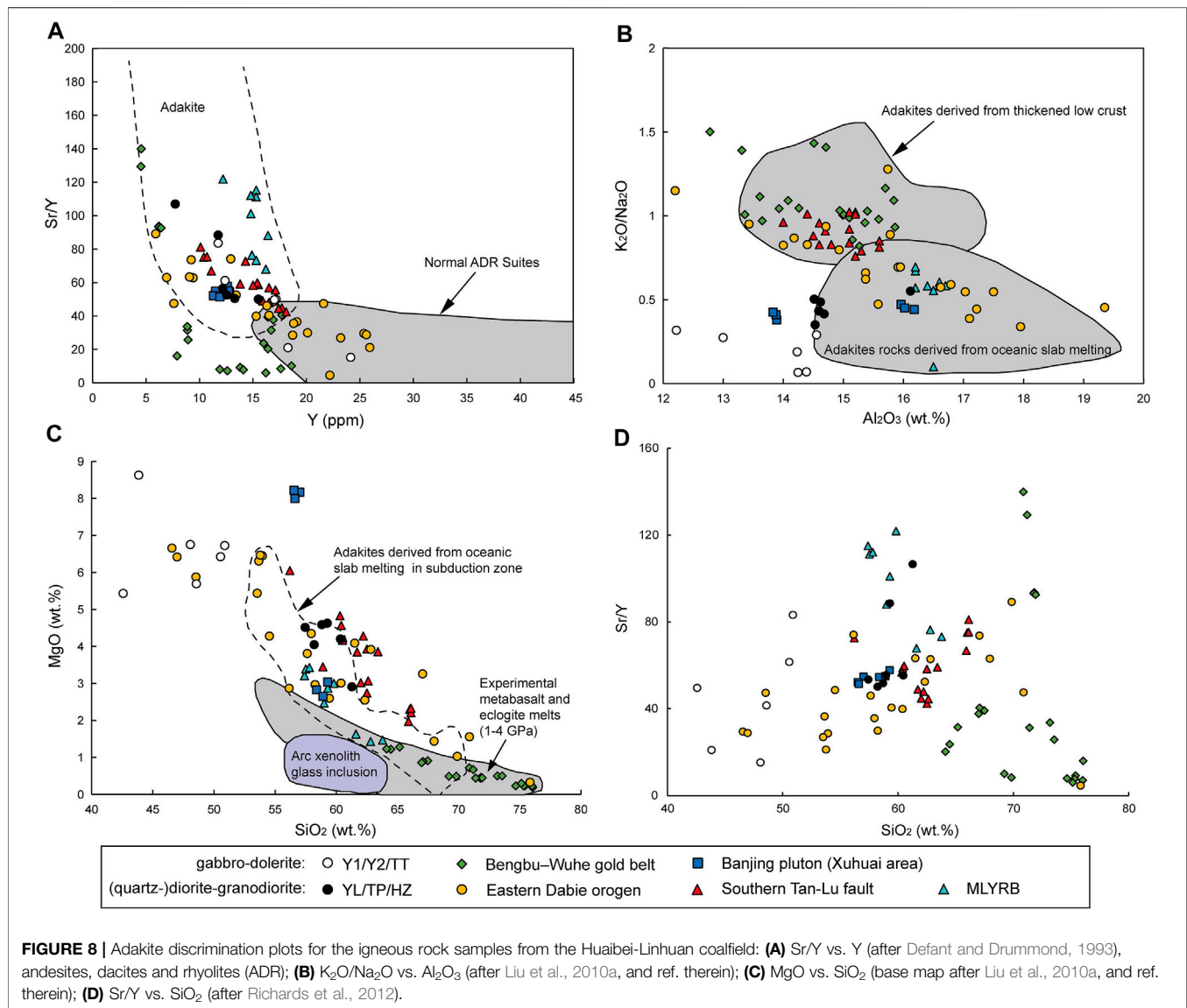
was also proposed for the adakites (some high-Mg) in the nearby Banjing pluton (Xuhuai area), which is slightly younger (zircon U-Pb: 126.4 ± 2.1 Ma) and has similar structural setting (proximal to the Tanlu fault) to the Huaibei-Linhuan adakites



(Zhou et al., 2019). The Huaibei-Linhuan and Banjing are geochemically similar in terms of their low Th content and low Rb/Y and Nb/Y ratios (suggestive of minor crustal melt-derived enrichment), which are in marked contrast with the thickened lower crust-derived Bengbu-Wuhe gold ore-forming granitoids (Liu S.-A. et al., 2010) (**Figures 10C–D**).

Although not without controversies, many studies suggest that the Tanlu fault zone was first formed as a Triassic-Jurassic syn-collisional sinistral fault between the North China and South China (phengite Ar-Ar: ca. 221–210 and 198–181 Ma) (Zhu et al., 2009), and had displaced the Dabie-Sulu UHP metamorphic belt across a ~500 km distance (Zhu et al., 2005). The fault (esp. the southern part where the Huaibei-Linhuan coalfield is located) has likely reactivated several times during the Early Cretaceous (e.g.,

hornblende Ar-Ar = 143.3 Ma; phengite Ar-Ar = 138.8 Ma) (Zhu et al., 2005). The sinistral movement in the southern Tanlu fault (138.8 Ma; Zhu et al., 2005) was accompanied (or soon followed) by emplacement of granodiorite (~131 Ma), diorite (~130 Ma), and lamprophyre dykes (~128 Ma) of the Guadian intrusive complex (Zhao et al., 2020), whose ages are largely coeval (within error) with the ca. 130–129 Ma ages obtained for the Huaibei-Linhuan (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite. Based on whole-rock geochemical and Sr-Nd isotope geochemical data, Zhao et al. (2020) suggested that these Early Cretaceous intrusive rocks at Guadian were formed in an extensional setting, possibly related to the Paleo-Pacific subduction rollback. Such tectonic setting would fit with our suggestion that the Huaibei-Linhuan high-Mg adakitic (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite was formed by partial melting of the



subducted slab. A slab-tearing may also be possible (Zhao et al., 2016) to generate the adakites, although more work will be needed to constrain when and how it actually took place.

A detailed review of the Early Cretaceous tectonics across the North Pacific by Liu et al. (2021) has revealed that the Eastern Eurasia, as facilitated by the Paleo-Pacific subduction rollback (*via* eastward migration of the shallow mantle convection system), has undergone three major extensional events at around 160–145 Ma, 135–120 Ma (peak), and post-120 Ma. These extensional events were accompanied by synextensional magmatism at around 160 Ma, 130–120 Ma (magmatic flare-up), and 100–80 Ma. It is thus clear that the Huaibei-Linhuan high-Mg adakitic magmatism, like many Cu-Au ore-ferile or ore-barren adakitic rocks in the southern Tanlu fault and the MLYRB, were formed during this 130–120 Ma magmatic flare-up during the peak extension episode. Meanwhile, the late-Early Cretaceous gabbro-dolerite magmatism in Huaibei-Linhuan (Qingdong: 115.8 Ma; Yuandian-1: 105.8 Ma) was

formed in the post-peak extension. The highly attenuated North China continental crust around the southern Tanlu fault may have enabled higher degree of partial melting with lower degree of crustal assimilation and fractionation, thereby forming more mafic rocks in Huaibei-Linhuan. The presence of highly-attenuated crust is also supported by the complete absence of inherited zircon core or xenocrystic zircon in the Huaibei-Linhuan gabbro-dolerite.

Metallogenic Implications in Fertile Versus Barren Adakites

From a metallogenic perspective, it is still unclear on why some Early Cretaceous adakites in Eastern China are Cu-Au ore-ferile (e.g., those in the MLYRB), whereas some others are ore-barren (e.g., those along the southern Tanlu fault). Based on whole-rock elemental and Sr-Nd-Pb isotope data, Liu S.-A. et al. (2010) argued that the ore-ferile MLYRB adakites were formed from partial

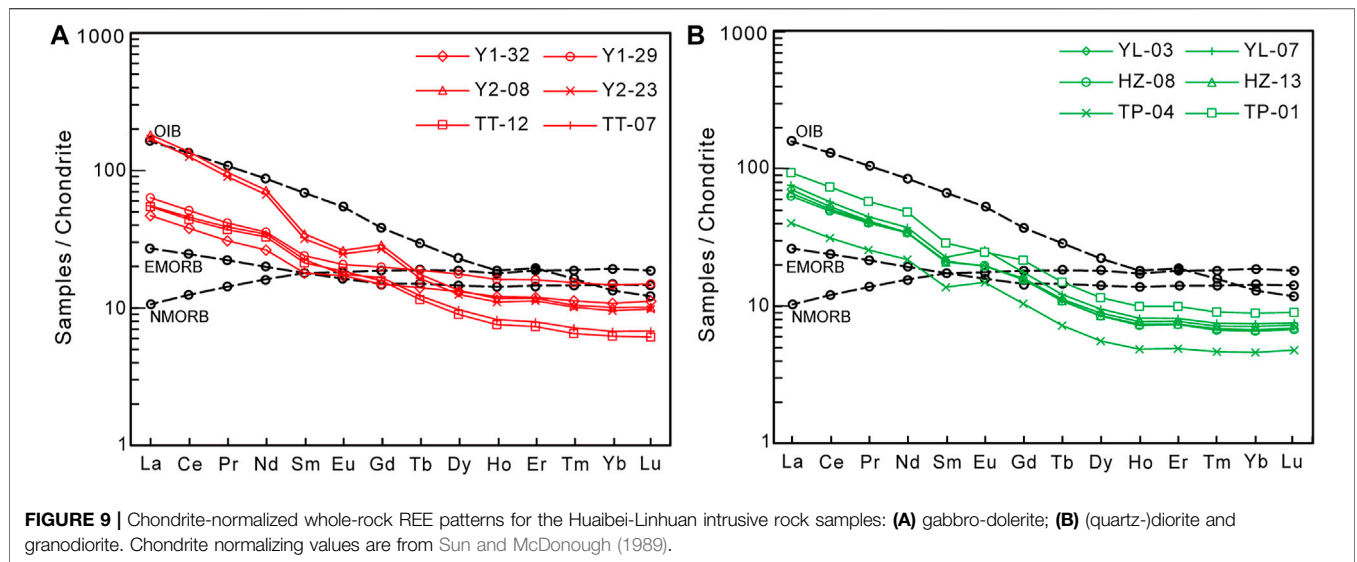


FIGURE 9 | Chondrite-normalized whole-rock REE patterns for the Huaibei-Linhuan intrusive rock samples: **(A)** gabbro-dolerite; **(B)** (quartz-)diorite and granodiorite. Chondrite normalizing values are from Sun and McDonough (1989).

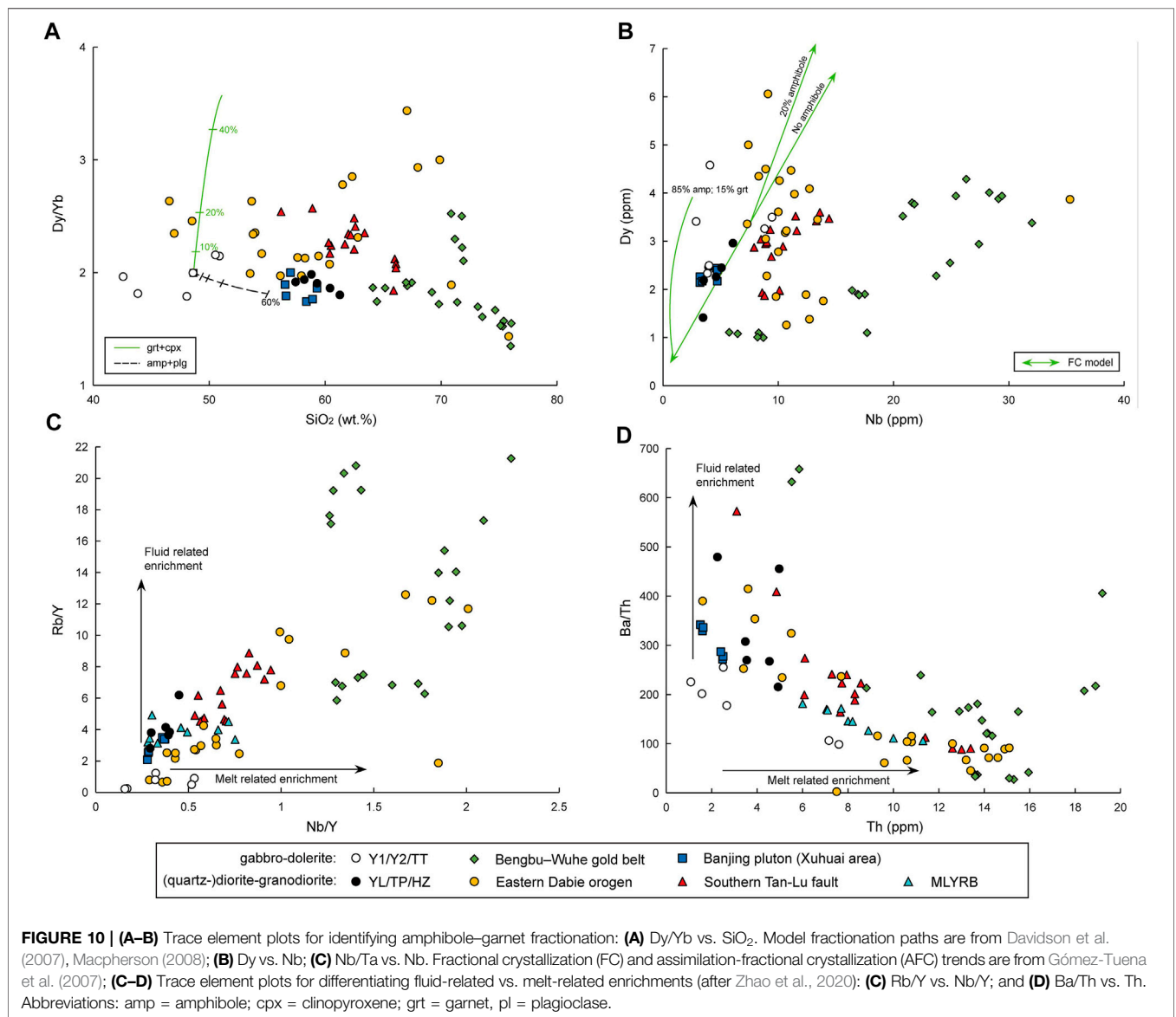
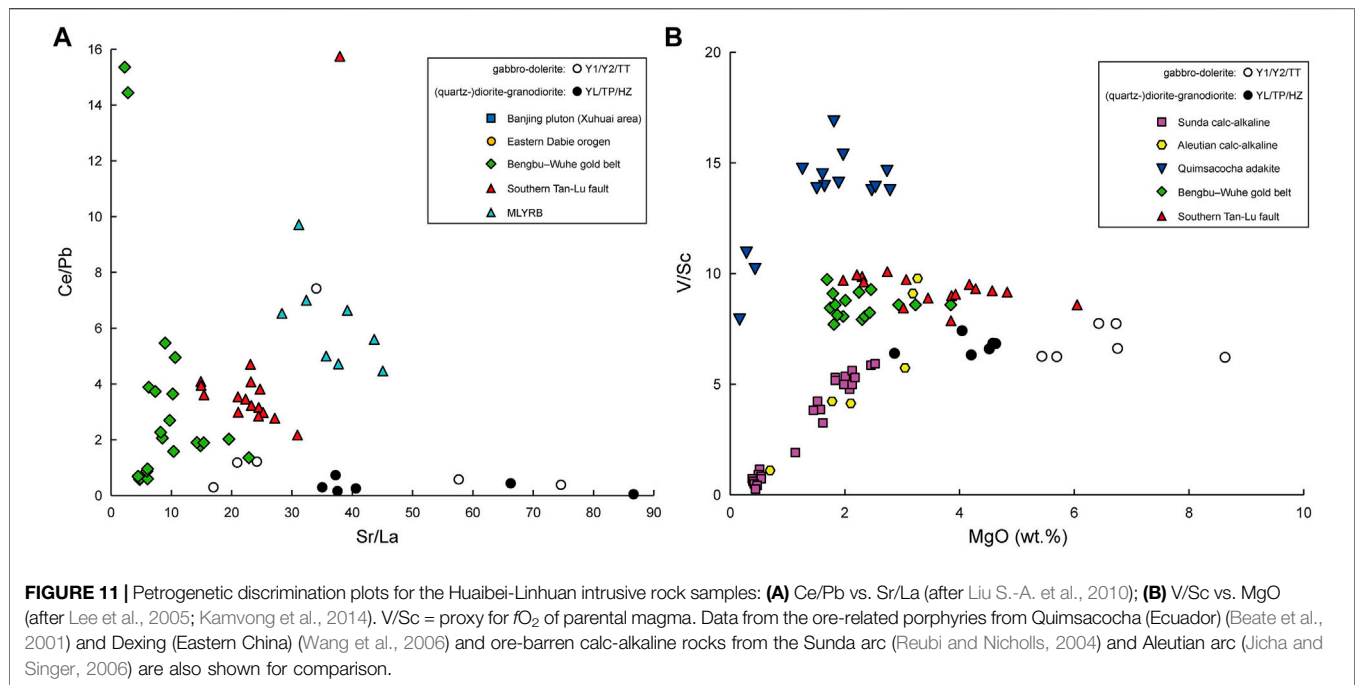


FIGURE 10 | **(A–B)** Trace element plots for identifying amphibole–garnet fractionation: **(A)** Dy/Yb vs. SiO₂. Model fractionation paths are from Davidson et al. (2007), Macpherson (2008); **(B)** Dy vs. Nb; **(C)** Nb/Ta vs. Nb. Fractional crystallization (FC) and assimilation-fractional crystallization (AFC) trends are from Gómez-Tuena et al. (2007); **(C–D)** Trace element plots for differentiating fluid-related vs. melt-related enrichments (after Zhao et al., 2020): **(C)** Rb/Y vs. Nb/Y; and **(D)** Ba/Th vs. Th. Abbreviations: amp = amphibole; cpx = clinopyroxene; grt = garnet, pl = plagioclase.



melting of the seawater-metasomatized Paleo-Pacific slab, whereas the ore-barren adakites along the southern Tanlu fault were derived from the delaminated North China eclogitic lower continental crust. This explanation, however, is unlikely applicable to the ore-barren Huaibei-Linhuan adakitic (quartz-)diorite-granodiorite, as their formation was likely slab-melting-related similar to the MLYRB adakites. This suggestion is supported by the elevated Sr/La values, which are comparable to the ore-fertile MLYRB adakites but considerably higher than the ore-barren adakites along the southern Tanlu fault (**Figure 12A**).

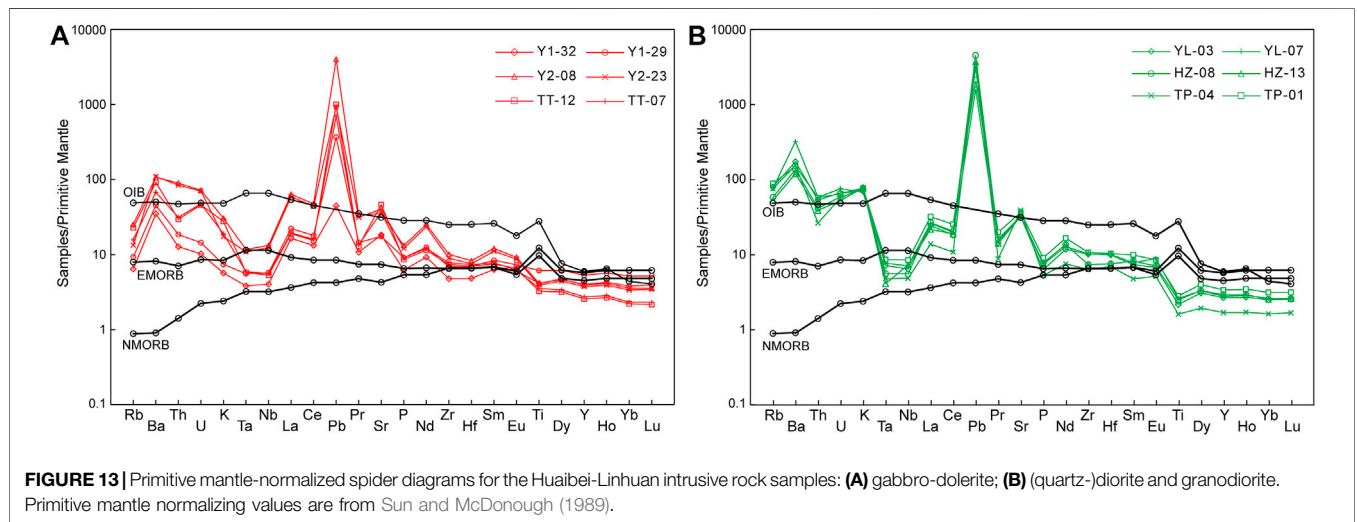
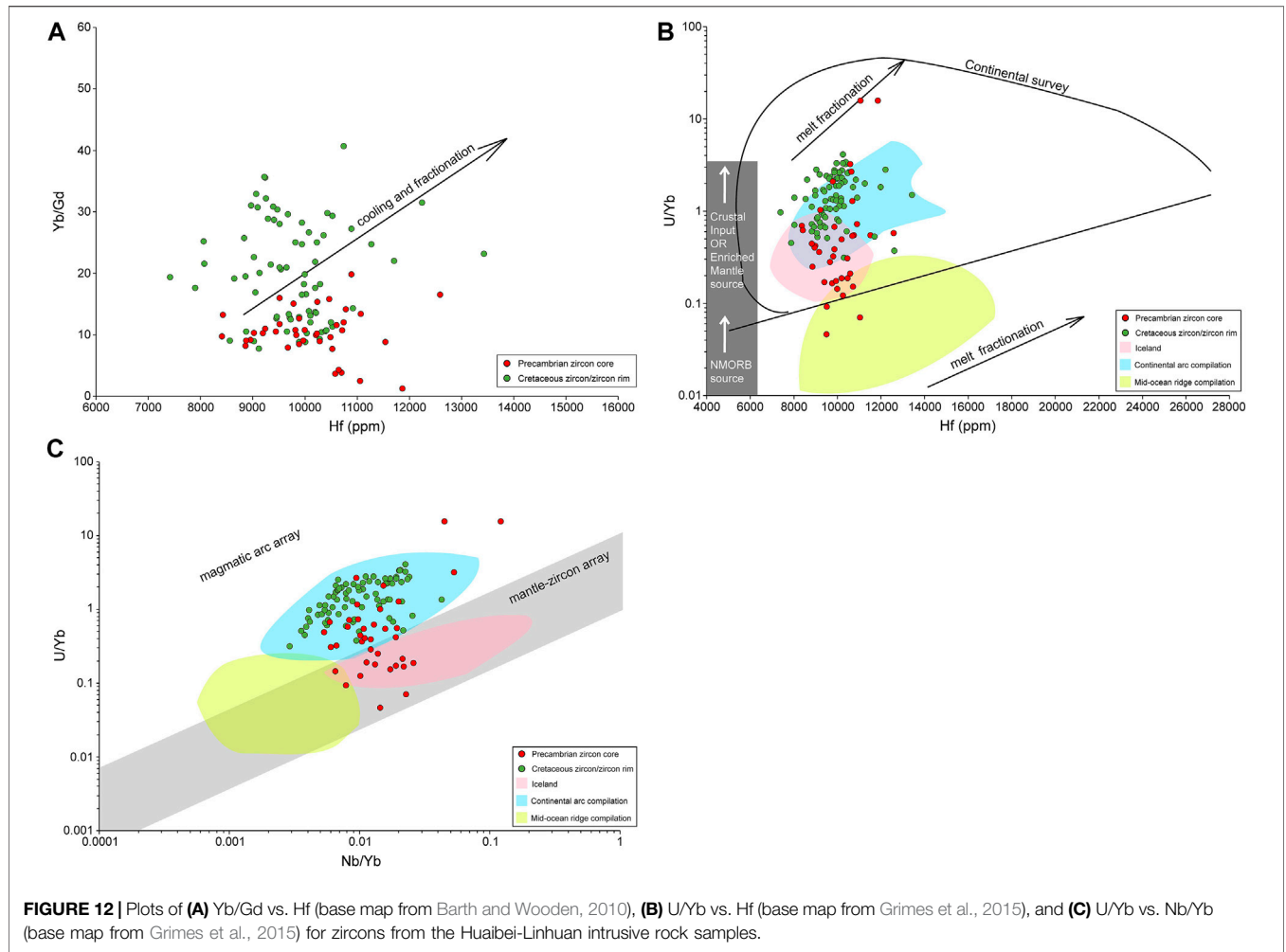
Porphyry-type Cu-Au fertility is controlled by a number of factors, including the contents of metals, water and sulfur of the magma, the magma oxygen fugacity (fO_2), as well as thickness of the crust into which the magma was emplaced (e.g., Audétat et al., 2008; Richards et al., 2012; Park et al., 2019, 2021). Comparing with our Huaibei-Linhuan samples, both the mineralized adakites in the MLYRB and the barren adakites in the southern Tanlu fault are more fractionated (Liu S.-A. et al., 2010) (**Figure 7D**). The MLYRB adakites have distinctly higher Sr/Y (67.96–121.89) than their barren counterparts in Huaibei-Linhuan (15.26–106.95) and the southern Tanlu fault (42.49–81.19). The “more-adakitic” (higher Sr/Y) character in the MLYRB rocks may have caused by the higher magma water content (i.e., “wetter magma”), which can suppress plagioclase fractionation and promote early amphibole \pm garnet fractionation (Richards, 2011, and ref. therein).

Previous studies suggested that elevated zircon Eu/Eu^* (>0.3) can reflect elevated magma water content, as widely reported from ore-forming porphyries at El Salvador and Chuquicamata-El Abra (Chile), Yanacocha (Peru), Yerington (Nevada, US), Batu Hijau (Indonesia), Tampakan (Philippines), and Dexing, Qulong, and Jiama (China) (Ballard et al., 2002; Dilles et al., 2015; Lu et al., 2016). Lu et al. (2016) proposed that wet fertile magmas have commonly high $10,000^*(Eu/Eu^*)/Y$ and Eu/Eu^* ratios, with both

ratios being positively correlated with $(Ce/Nd)/Y$. Zircon Ce/Nd ratio can be used as a proxy of magma fO_2 in replace of Ce^{4+}/Ce^{3+} , which is hard to be accurately determined due to the very low (often below the detection limit) zircon La and Pr contents, and the zircon La content is also susceptible to contamination by minute apatite inclusions (Lu et al., 2016; Loucks et al., 2020). Yttrium is added to the denominator of $10,000^*(Eu/Eu^*)/Y$ and $(Ce/Nd)/Y$ because its content is commonly low in fertile magmas, caused probably by early hornblende fractionation (Lu et al., 2016, and ref. therein).

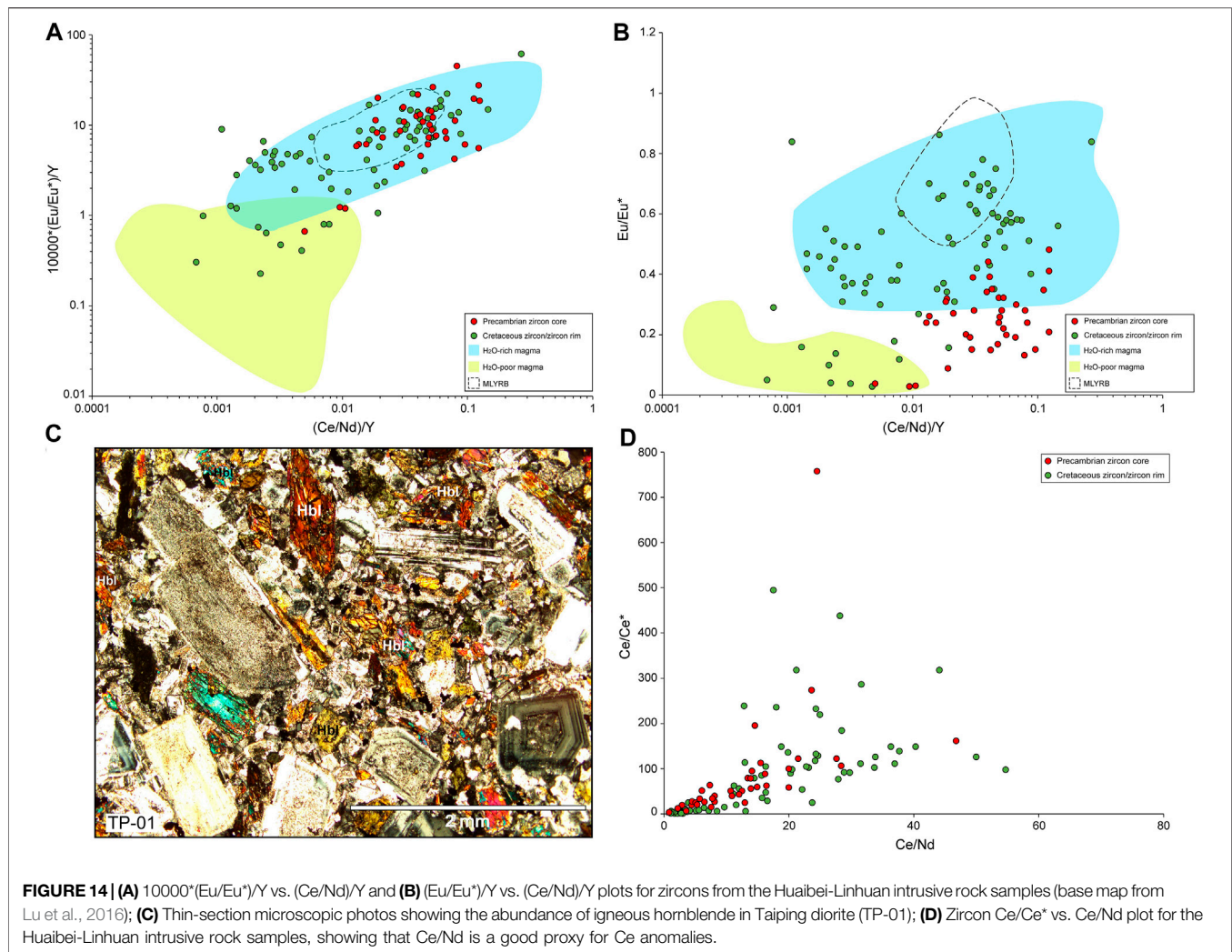
From **Figures 14A–B**, it is seen that the Cretaceous Huaibei-Linhuan adakites have comparable $10,000^*(Eu/Eu^*)/Y$ and Eu/Eu^* ratios to those of the ore-forming granodiorite porphyries in the MLYRB (Jiurui orefield; Xu et al., 2021), as well as to many other fertile magmatic suites (Lu et al., 2016). Similar to the MLYRB ore-forming porphyries, the zircon $10,000^*(Eu/Eu^*)/Y$ and Eu/Eu^* ratios of the Huaibei-Linhuan adakites are correlated positively with $(Ce/Nd)/Y$. This suggests that the Huaibei-Linhuan adakitic magma was not H_2O -poor, as also supported by the considerable amount of hornblende present in our samples (**Figure 14C**).

Therefore, we considered that the cause of Cu-Au infertility for the Huaibei-Linhuan adakites may lie in the lower fO_2 of their parental magma. In **Figure 14**, the Huaibei-Linhuan adakites have generally lower $(Ce/Nd)/Y$ (avg. 0.035) than their MLYRB counterpart (avg. 0.051), suggesting lower fO_2 in the former. For the case of Huaibei-Linhuan, the Ce/Nd ratio can serve as good proxy for the Ce anomaly, as indicated by certain positive correlation ($R^2 = 0.29$) between the two (**Figure 14D**). The more reducing nature of the Huaibei-Linhuan adakitic magma is further supported by the whole-rock V/Sc content, which serves as a proxy for the original magma fO_2 (Lee et al., 2005). In the V/Sc vs. MgO discrimination plot (**Figure 11B**), the Huaibei-Linhuan adakites have distinctly lower V/Sc values than the Cu-Au ore-related porphyries from Quimsacocha (Ecuador) (Beate et al., 2001) and



Dexing (Eastern China) (Wang et al., 2006). The V/Sc values remain constant with decreasing MgO, indicating that the V/Sc is not dependent on fractionation. Elevated magma fO_2 has been

suggested to be critical in forming porphyry-style Cu-Au mineralization, as it would inhibit early sulfide crystallization and allow chalcophile metals to concentrate in late-stage hydrothermal



fluids (e.g., Mungall, 2002; Sillitoe, 2010; Zhang et al., 2017). Mungall et al. (2015) further proposed that sulfide liquids can ascend to the shallow crust through attaching with vapor bubbles, rather than only residing in the deep crust as traditionally believed. The reasons why the parental magma of the Huaibei-Linluan adakites was particularly low- fO_2 (even lower than that of the ore-barren adakites along the southern Tanlu fault) is unclear, but may partly be attributed to the NCC lithospheric heterogeneity, especially along/near the southern Tanlu fault (e.g., Lü, 2019; Wang et al., 2020). In Huaibei-Linluan, assimilation of the Carboniferous-Permian coal seams (as shown by the partially-assimilated natural coke fragments in our samples; **Figure 3**) would likely further reduce the fO_2 of the intruding dioritic-granodioritic magma, and hence further decrease its potential to form porphyry-style/-related Cu-Au mineralization.

CONCLUSIONS

1) Petrography, zircon U-Pb dating and whole-rock geochemistry suggests that the Huaibei-Linluan intrusive

rocks fall into two types, early-Early Cretaceous (ca. 130–129 Ma) high-Mg adakitic (quartz-)diorite and granodiorite, and late-Early Cretaceous (ca. 115.8 and 105.8 Ma) calc-alkaline microgabbro and dolerite.

2) The Huaibei-Linluan high-Mg adakitic (quartz-)diorite and granodiorite are featured by low K_2O/Na_2O , high Sr/La, and lack of correlation between SiO_2 (fractionation index) and Sr/Y and MREE/HREE. This suggests that the adakites were not derived from high-pressure garnet-amphibole fractionation or partial melting of the thickened lower crust, but from partial melting of the subducted slab. Age correlation with the regional tectonic events suggests that the slab-melting may have caused by rollback of the subducting Paleo-Pacific slab instead. Further extension and crustal delamination along the southern Tanlu fault may have led to higher-degree partial melting (and lower-degree assimilation-fractionation) that formed the gabbro-dolerite in the Huaibei-Linluan coalfield.

3) Parental magma of the Huaibei-Linluan high-Mg adakites was considerably less oxidized than typical porphyry Cu-Au ore-forming magmas, although their water content may have been similarly high. The low magma fO_2 nature is supported

by both the low zircon Ce/Nd and whole-rock V/Sc ratios. The assimilation of the Carboniferous-Permian coal-bearing sequences in the area may have further decreased the magma f_{O_2} , and thus its potential to form Cu-Au mineralization.

DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article/Supplementary Material, further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding author.

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